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AT NATION'S METROPOLIS

MAYOR MITCHELL PRAISES WASHINGTON, LAUDING WORK OF GREAT EDUCATOR AS EXALTED STATECRAET

SENDS MESSAGE TO RACE IN LETTER

African Redemption Society Holds Annual Musicale at Home of Bishop Walters with Brilliant Assemblage Present—Young Lawyer Making Good—Bishop Walters Confers with Pres. Wilson about Haitian Affairs.

Allen's National News Bureau,
321 West 59th Street.
New York, N. Y., January 10, 1916.

Special to The Freeman:

The death of Doctor Booker T. Washington has called forth expressions from some of the most eminent men of the nation. Men who stand high in national life, like Theodore oosevelt, Governor C. S. Whitman, William J. Schiefferlin, Oswald G. Villard, William Wilcox and Bishop Alexander Walters have been unstinted in their praise of the worth and character of the great negro leader. Perhaps the most remarkable tribute that has come from the eminent men of this nation praising Booker T. Washington is the tribute that has come from Mayor John Purroy Mitchell of this great ctiy, who, in a letter sent to Cleveland G. Allen calls Booker Washington a distinguished leader of a great race and a statesman of whom the country might well be proud.

When your correspondent wrote the mayor asking him for some expression from the mayor's office relative to the worth of the eminent educator, to read at a memorial meeting held in honor of the educator, New York's generous mayor wrote the following remarkable tribute under his own personal signature. The letter is a remarkable document and for the benefit of the race throughout the nation your correspondent is reproducing it.

"My Dear Mr. Allen: I have your letter of the 18th instant, and very heartily respond to your request that I send you, from the Mayor's office, some expression of appreciation of the people of this city of the life and work of Doctor Booker T. Washington.

"Doctor Washington was not only a distinguished leader of a great race, but he was in the best sense of the word a statesman; and the part he has taken in the solution of some of the most vexatious problems with which the people of the country have had to deal, will place his achievements high in the long record of American statesmanship.

"Doctor Washington so often appealed to the people of New York for aid in his work, and received so generous a response from those of our citizens who realized the importance to all of us of his great work and mission in the South, that he seems to belong almost as much to New York as to the State of his birth or to the State of his adoption.

Our people, therefore, view his loss as a loss personal to themselves, and it is altogether fitting that his memory should be honored here at a meeting such as this.

"Very truly yours,
"JOHN PURROY MITCHELL."

This letter from the head of the great American city of New York should be a stimulus to the thousands of friends of Doctor Washington throughout the country. It should serve as a stimulus to Major Moton, upon whose shoulders has fallen the burden of carrying on the work.

Aprican Redemption Society Gives Annual Musicale.

The African Redemption Society, of which Mrs. Lelia Walters is president, and an organization made up of beautiful and talented women who are directing their energies to the cause of the uplift of Dark Continent, Africa, gave their annual musicale last Friday evening at the home of Bishop Alexander Walters. The event was one of the most notable in the history of this unique organization, and brings together the most cultured and refined of the men and women who live in the metropolis.

The residence of Bishop Walters was a fine study of the culture to which the race has attained, and the atmosphere was one of inspiration. Mrs. Walters, the talented wife of the Zion leader, was an agreeable hostess and made the brilliant assemblage welcome.

After a brief address by Mrs. Walters outlining the plan of the organization of the year, she presented Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Loguen, musical directress of the organization, who presented the musical program of the evening.

The program was a study of Eighteenth Century music, and the music of that period in song and instrumental selection was presented by well known musical folks of this city.

The program opened with a historic sketch of Eighteenth Century music by Mrs. Loguen.

The sketch rgave a fine and discriminating sense of the music of that period. The program opened with an overture by Mme. E. A. Johnson and Mrs. N. Pierre; solo, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," from Mozart, Carl Boxill; duet, selected, Mmes. J. Berry and A. Harpen; solo, "Holy Night," from Haydn, and "How Can I Leave Thee," from Volslied, by William L. Offord; solo, "Old English Song," J. Rosamond Johnson, accompanied by Miss M. Barnum, of Music School Settlement; solo, "O Thou that Telleth Good Tidings to Zion," Mrs. Daisy Tapley; solo, "Das Vieches, Tandis que taut Sommeil," by Mrs. Howard Elitabeth Loguen, accompanied by Prof. Mones of Holland, and a piano solo, Miss Mamie Prince. A feature of the decoration was a large Liberian flag which at one time floated over the executive mansion at Monrovia, Liberia.

At the conclusion of the program Bishop Walters made an address in which he urged the organization to become more definite in its work in the uplift of Africa. He suggested that their organization direct its energy to Liberia where the problem is acute and grave. He said that the organization could do no finer thing than to establish an industrial school at Mt. Coffee, on the St. Paul, where 1,500 acres of land need developing. This suggestion met with hearty approval. Prof. Mones of Halland also spoke and said that he was impressed with the work of the organization. He got a fine impression from the higher side of negro life from the marked degree of culture exhibited by the audience. Dr. Raymond Cabeche, a noted Haitian on visit to this country, brought greetings from his native land.

At the conclusion of the addresses Bishop Walters asked for the annual subscription, and about one hundred dollars was realized, with many pledges to be paid later.

The organization last year turned over to the Zion church about $75 for work in Africa.

The annual musicale of this society is one of the most interesting events in the life of the race in this city, and more so each year, the annual mecca of a cultured and devoted group of women, who are using their fine gifts for the unselfish uplift of the race. A collation was served.

A Young Lawyer Making Good.

Among the young lawyers in this city who will in time rise to a high place in the profession, is Charles G. Snead of the firm of Snead & Wheaton at 19 West 135th street.

Mr. Snead has been successful since his admission to the bar, and as a young lawyer has made a record that older men in the profession would envy. He was born in Augusta, Ga., and was educated in the public schools of that city and Haines Normal Institute. He then entered Lincoln University, from which he graduated in 1902. He took his law course at Columbia University, graduating in 1909. He was admitted to the bar the same year. Mr. Snead is prominent in lodge circles, being well known as an Elk and Odd Fellow. For some time he was editorial writer for the Amsterdam News.

Bishop Walters Holds Conference With President Wilson.

Bishop Alexander Walters, perhaps the most eminent leader of the race today, and whose influence reaches to the head of the nation, held a conference with President Wilson last Monday. The conference was arranged for the bishop by the President's secretary and was held for the purpose of discussing affairs as they pertain to Haiti.

The bishop was accompanied by Dr. R. Hilaire Cabeche of the Chamber of Deputies of Haiti, who is in this country in the interest of his country. The result of the conference with the President will doubtless come from Thompson's Bureau next week. Bishop Walters is doing much for his race, and is perhaps the only man of the race today who can carry the grievance of the race to the President. The bishop left for Washington last Sunday night.

Secretary Bell Writes to Friends Here.

Ex-Secretary Bell of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, who for thirteen years was the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here and doubtless the most successful secretary in the field, writes from Denver, Colo., where he is now stationed, that the Y. M. C. A. work is progressing in that city.

Secretary Bell was transferred to Denver about five months ago and is doing much to develop the work. He left behind him a large number of friends who are glad to get this word of cheer concerning his success. Your correspondent will write more of Mr. Bell.

E. K. JONES OF NATIONAL LEAGUE ON URBAN CONDITIONS AMONG NEGROES COMING TO INDIANAPOLIS.

E. K. Jones, Associate Director of the National League, on urban conditions among Negroes, with headquarters in New York City, will spend January 17th and 18th in Indianapolis, making observation of the organizations that work for the social and economic betterment of the colored people of the city.

Mr. Jones plans to present a plan of co-operation to all the welfare organizations with the view of forming a permanent association to work along community lines, which are not now being provided for. This is in keeping with the National policy of the league, as emphasized by Mr. Jones on his last visit to Indianapolis, namely: "The League does not plan to do any work which is being covered by other organizations, but is seeking to get those organizations which are committed to work of uplift among all the people, to consider Negroes in carrying out their programs of work."

The annual report of the National Urban League, which has just been printed, records the work that has been done in the ten cities which have organizations affiliated with the New York headquarters.

Among the activities that the League has carried on during the past fiscal year, the following are of special interest:

The training of two students in Columbia University and the New York School of Philanthropy; a social science course conducted at Fisk University by Dr. George H. Haynes, the director of the League; the development of social service training in co-operation with Negro colleges; the organization of skilled and unskilled laborers and the fostering of organizations for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of its members; an employment bureau where 1,557 applicants (350 of whom secured employment), were registered; work with wayward boys and girls from the courts, and truant and incorrigible children from the schools; a housing bureau through which unsanitary conditions and violations of tenement house laws were remedied; the running of a boys' camp at Verona, N. J., which during the past two years has accommodated 323 boys for a period of two weeks, and operating a convalescent home for female patients at North White Plains, N. Y.

During the past fiscal year the League handled 2,003 cases in New York City, 1,141 in Philadelphia and 673 in Norfolk. The New York cases involved employment-finding, housing improvement, court work, travelers' aid, preventive measures and fresh air and recreational opportunities.

The New York Evening Post, one of the best dailies of the country, speaking editorially in its issue of the 29th of December, makes the following comment regarding the account of the work of the League, which is set forth in a very readable report of forty-eight pages:

"The latest Bulletin of the National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes could hardly be improved upon. It is brisk, orderly, optimistic. The various activities of the League are set forth in a way to impart knowledge without wearying the header; financial needs are stated; plans for the coming year are outlined—all in a lucid and cheery way. It is, in short, a very model of what such publications ought to be."

JONES FACTION WINS IN COURT.

Decision in Chicago Rendered This Week Sustained Contentions of E. P. Jones and Followers, Making Them the National Baptist Convention—Decision by Judge Smith.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—A decision rendered in the courts of Chicago today by Judge Smith sustained the demurrer of Attorney Walter M. Farmer of this city, and Wm. Harrison, of Oklahoma City, recognizing the National Baptist Convention, of which E. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., was elected president. It will be remembered that during the month of September last year the Baptists held a convention in this city and divided into two parts over a charter gotten out by seven men. A majority of one hundred and fifty or more votes in the convention showed that the strength of the convention was against the charter, whereupon Dr. Morris and his followers left the chair and the convention immediately elected E. P. Jones and an entirely new set of officers. The incorporated convention, led by Dr. Morris, got out an injunction to prevent the Jones people from using the name National Baptist Convention. The case has been hanging fire and the decision today by the court is far-reaching, as it tears down and virtually eliminates the incorporated faction as a national body. The contest was sharp and prolonged. Able counsel represented both sides, but in the demurrer offered by the attorneys for the Jones faction every contention made and the five points of law presented were upheld. President Jones was reached by wire in Philadelphia and expressed himself as well pleased, declaring that he knew the will of the majority of the Baptists would be sustained. It is said that this decision puts the incorporated faction to rout. It is learned that President Jones will call a meeting of his advisors, consisting of the chairmen and the secretaries of the various boards, together with the elective officers to meet in Nashville at an early date.

BLUE GRASS CAPITAL.

Governor Stanley Successful—Dr. J. K. Polk Elected a Member of the Board of Health—Local K. of P. Lodges Likely to Be Turned Out of the Grand Lodge—Side Light On the Negro Exposition.

(By Hardin Tolbert.)

Governor A. O. Stanley is starting his regime in the right direction for success to himself and the State's Chief Executive. Governor Stanley put a quietus to the "extra help" movement which has in former years during the Legislature cost the taxpayers $200 per day for sixty days. Governor Stanley says through his message to the Legislature that those who ask for appropriations must suggest some way of raising the money they ask for. The pilgramage of the illiteracy campaign has been uncovered; this money that was drawn from State treasury was for a good cause, but there was no bill passed giving them that permission to draw from the State treasure. With a surprise to many, he is favorable to the temperance cause, and will use his influence to that extent. Governor Stanley has had twelve years' experience in the United States Congress, and he knows the "in's and out's." If he carries out his intention in his message he will make the greatest Chief Executive the State has ever had.

Dr. J. K. Polk Elected to the Board of Health, the Only Colored Physician That Ever Received This Honor.

Not pre-election promises! Giving the people a square deal after elected. This seems to be the prerogative after the election of Mayor J. C. Rogers and the present Board of Commissioners. Dr. J. K. Polk, a graduate of Roger Williams College at Nashville and the Howard Medical College at Washington, D. C. and late from the Freedom Hospital at Washington, was the unanimous choice of the Board of Health, as the Colored member of that body of physicians. He has the distinguished honor of being the first Colored doctor elected as a member of the Board of Health. Dr. N. J. Ridley was appointed a city physician during the former Mayor, J. E. Cassidy, regime, but was not a member of the Board of Health. Dr. J. K. Polk has not been practicing in this city for two years until April. He received the preference over the "Home Boy," Dr. J. C. Gill, who was tipped for this position from an authentic source. He was alleged to have been backed by the City Medical Association and a coterie of "Negro Politicians." The last mayoralty race left a division among the intelligent and assuming ignorant class of leaders. Dr. Gill's public statement was his suicide. He said at a banquet: "I voted for Mr. J .L. Watkins because all the intelligent prominent Negroes was for him, and I have no apology to make." Dr. J. K. Polk was backed by the leaders of successful winner in the mayoralty race, in the person of Messrs. J. C. Jackson, George Minnis, E. W. Chenault, Col. John T. Clay, John Smith, C. D. Jackson, Capt. R. T. Curd and Eliga Lewis.

Local K. of P. Lodges Likely to Have Law Suit or be Turned Out of the State rGand Lodge.

There seems to be a considerable amount of dissatisfaction among Pythianism in Kentucky on the account of the reason law compelling every member to pay five dollars to finish the $125,000 Pythian Temple at Louisville, which was alleged to have been built with out fire escapes. Blue Grass Lodge, the largest local order in Kentucky, will stand a law suit rather than to pay five dollars per member. Twenty-seven lodges alleged to not have been represented at Harrodsburg at the State meeting. Not a contractor in all Pythianism was a member of the committee to see that these blue prints were correctly adjusted. It is hoped the matter will be adjusted in the Grand Lodge instead of being carried out in the courts.

Booker T. Washington Funeral Movies at the Gem Theater—Teachers and tudents Attend Largely.

The late Booker T. Washington funeral movies were shown at the Gem Theater Saturday to a crowded house. The city teachers and students came out and all seemed to be very sad over the demise of the mighty oak. These movies were a great drawing card. The glimpses of Tuskegee were inspiring to many students who expressed a desire to attend this wonderful institution.

Side Light on the Negro Exposition if Bill Passes the Legislature in Session.

There will be a bill before the Kentucky Legislature asking for an appropriation for a Semi-Centennial Exposition of 50 years of progress of Negroes in three States. Editor Phil H. Brown, of the Hopkinsville News, is the "Big Chief" of the Publicity Bureau, and he has selected his helpmate in the person of Mr. Carry B. Lewis, of Chicago. Many of the prominent ministers, doctors, lawyers, educators, business men are against it, and many are for it. Some think it is to much of a K. of P. Lodge affair. The Star, semi-weekly, of this city, was the only Negro paper in the State that supported the present administration when things were cloudy.

Personal and Social Calendar of the City.

Mr. J. V. Johnson left for Hazard after a few days' visit in the city.

Miss Christene Bryant, an attractive young lady at the Kentucky's Capital, made a flying trip to the city, accompanied by Mr. Allen Brown.

Mrs. Ben Sanders, of Georgetown, was in the city, the guest of Col and Mrs. John T. Clay.

Miss Ninner Haggins will give a swell ball on January 14th, at the U. B. F. Hall.

Mrs. J. K. Polk, the wife of Dr. Polk, spent a few days in Versailles with her mother-in-law.

State Grand Master of the K. P.'s, A. L. Garvin, of Harrodsburg, was in the city and the guest of Prof. J. B. Caulder.

Mrs. George P. Craig, the wife of Dr. Craig, proprietor of the Craig Hurry Up Drug Store, is on the convalescent list.

Mrs. Nancy Shelby is able to be up again after a few weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Keever Parrish, of Holden, W. V., were the guests of the city for a few days. They were at the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Fouse.

The Good Council Club for men and women meet at 349 Deweese street, at the home of Mrs. Mattie Moppins. You are welcome.

Mrs. J. M. Allen, the wife of Dr. Allen, has been very ill.

Mr. Richard McPheters has been on the sick list.

Miss Rosanna Tyler, a young school girl, died at a youthful age, in her teens. She was a Christian girl and had a host of friends.

Rev. R. H. Hill, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, with forty members will be given a sketch in next weeks' issue.

BEAUTY GIRL NO. 2
DAISY

THE SWEETEST GIRL IN THE WORLD

HELENA, ARK., NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Katie Miller, who has been attending school in Oberlin, O., is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hudnell, of New York, are spending a few days here with Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams.

Prescriptions carefully compounded. Cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, toilet articles and the best paper in the world at Jennings Drug Company.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnston have opened a dry goods store in their building on Walnut street.

The Plaza Theatre runs first class pictures every night. Mr. L. Miller is manager.

RALPH TYLER GENERAL AGENT FOR AUTHENTIC STORY OF THE LIFE OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Special to THE FREEMAN

COLUMBUS, O.—The publishers of the memorial edition of Dr. Booker T. Washington's Life have appointed Ralph W. Tyler, former auditor for the Navy, general agent for the book, to appoint local agents in various cities and towns throughout the country, and to assume charge and responsibility for their work. This work is the only authentic story of the life of the late Dr. Washington. It was written by Dr. Washington himself, and in addition, contains 64-page supplelent by Albion L. Holsey. This is the only history of the late Dr. Washington's life that has the approval of Mrs. Washington and of Emmett J. Scott, who for eighteen years was the Doctor's secretary.

Mr. Tyler has already established an office at Columbus, Ohio, with a force of assistants, and is appointing agents in various cities and towns throughout the country. The book, with touching pathos, refers to the early struggles of the author, and covers his whole life from birth to the time of his death. The book is selling rapidly, and some agents are making from $10 to $25 per day handling it.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

(By Z. L. Breedlove. Phone Bell 1659)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Perry, of Helena, Ark., Supreme Supervisor of Friends of the World, addressed the people at the Salem Baptist Church Monday evening, at which time a Royal Circle of Friends of the World was organized.

Jeanette, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Moreland, 1204 West Eads street, died at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Death was caused from pneumonia. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from the Urbana Free Baptist Church, with Rev. J. T. Edwards in charge. Burial was made in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Whit Laurey is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Bessie McKenzie, in Dolling, Georgia.

Mr. James Clemons spent Christmas in St. Louis, visiting Mr. Lewis Cloyd.

Mr. Boie Jackson, formerly in the barber business in Decatur, at 222 East William street, is now barbering for Mr. Albert Ellis, 2-A Taylor street.

Mrs. C. B. Crushshon, of St. Louis, Mo., is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, at 404 East Treemont street.

The trouble with most of us is that we are always starting something, but fail to finish it. A cause to be successful must be "stuck to," and a battle to be won must be fought to the last ditch. There can be no compromise with dishonor, no place that does not square with righteousness. Don't get "cold feet" because victory seems far off. Stick to the colors under which you have enlisted, stay in the field though defeat threatens, and fight the enemy to a finish. Don't expect war to be a "pink tea."

Writes all kinds of insurances. See Z. L. Breedlove.

Hon. L. Y. Sherman, leading all for presidentof the U. S. We call the attention of the Republicans throughout the U. S. to the candidacy of Hon. L. Y. Sherman, United States Senator from Illinois, who is a candidate for president, being supported by the leading men of this state and also from western states.

Be ye doers and not sayers of the word only.

Mr. E. B. Roy entertained Mr. N. Dyer at a banquet at the restaurant on Oak street.

The Princess Dancing Academy gave its first annual dance Christmas. There were about fifteen couples present. Johnson Orchestra furnished the music. The dancing class every Thursday night at the Elks' auditorium. Prof. L. B. Brown is in charge of the classes.

Breedlove's Consolidated News is located at 908 N. Champaign street.

NEWS FROM "OLD PADUKE"

HAPPENINGS IN BUSY LITTLE BLUE GRASS CITY. DOINGS SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE AMONG THE SMART SET

NEW COMMISSIONERS TAKE OFFICE

Prof. F. C. Marable Leaves for New Orleans and Miss Mabel Marable Gives Concert of Unusual Merit—Tuck Lowe Moves Business—I. C. Employees Storm Home of the Friendless—R. J. Shannon Gets High Honors.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North 7th St.)

Special to the Freeman.

Prof. Fate C. Marable, the noted calliopist, after spending several weeks with his family at 512 South 8th street, left January 1st for New Orleans in company with his brother James.

Allen Endeavor League of Burk's chapel, by its president, Miss Mable E. Marable, last Sunday evening presented the congregation with a program which was more than ordinary. This was Miss Marable's first presentation since being elected to this office. Many compliments were hers.

Program in part: Violin solo by Master Garnett Bradley. A splendid lecture by Mr. Alfred Meacham, our gents' furnishing dealer. Miss Mable Marable rendered a piano solo. Owing to other meetings at the same hour the church was not crowded, but more persons are expected to attend the league next Sunday evening.

Mr. Tuck Lowe, who for a number of years did a successful grocery business on Washington street, has lately moved in the Odd Fellow's building. He has clean and fresh groceries and delivers them to any part of the city. In connection with the grocery business is a neat and cleanly-kept bar. The widely-known "mixer" is George Goodman. Yes, you can get fresh meat at Tuck's every day.

Messrs. Roscoe Churchill, Steve Bucy, W. C. Buford, Jesse McCulley and Wm. Ford spent the holidays in New Orleans.

It was Christmas Day that a large number of the colored I. C. R. R. employes had sent to the Home of the Friendless an auto filled with provisions, clothing and money. The children and older folks of the home very delightfully enjoyed the blessing. And the principal of the home, Rev. Fred White ,is more than pleased, even till yet.

Mr. Ray J. Shannon, district manager here for the National Benefit Association, received as an honorary gift a fine leather folio, which he many times appreciates.

The office ranks the eighth in the states. It is reported that Mr. Shannon and his hustling agents wrote up 261 applications in the city in only a few weeks. Mr. Shannon having graduated from Lincoln high school, and with the standard reputation he wears, it is almost certain that he will make the national a worthy district manager. If you want insurance just see "Ray" at his office, second floor of Watkins' Undertaking parlors, 7th and Washington streets.

January the first the transfer boat that was used to convey the I. C. trains across the river from Brookport to Paducah has quit this landing and is now transfering trains from Metropolis to the incline on the Kentucky side which leads to the Paducah and Illinois Railroad and over which the Burlington does business in Paducah. This road is only about twelve miles in length. This incline is to be used until the Burlington bridge is completed. W. H. Osborn is the name of the transfer boat.

It is also noted that the Burlington Hotel. at 120 Kentucky avenue opened its doors for business January 1st. Mrs. Necie Allen, the efficient proprietress, is managing the business. There is no doubt but what the Burlington will net profitable returns this year. A good bar and pool room are in connection with the hotel. It makes no difference who you are or where you are coming from, when you step off at Paducah ask some one to show you the "way to the Burlington." Mr. George Allen will converse with you freely.

Announcements received in the city stated that Mr. J. W. Ogester and Miss Mamie J. Ganaway were married at the bride's home, Murphysboro, Tenn., December 30th. Atty. J. W. Egester is well known in the Masonic lodge, K. of P.'s and is heard and honored at every court where his business calls him. He is also assistant superintendent of Burk's chapel A. M. E. church and Sunday school.

Miss Mamie J. Ganaway enjoys the respect of Lincoln high school, of which she is assistant principal, and the social circle. She is also one of the leading soprano singers of the Washington church choir.

After the 14th of December they will receive at their home, 615 Ohio street. We wish them the greatest success.

The new commissioners, Thos. Hazelip, C. L. Van Meter, George Wallace, L. Washington and Major Earnest Lackey took charge of the city affairs on January 1.

Mrs. Earma Young, after visiting friends and relatives at Champaign, Ill., returned to her home recently.

Miss Josie Jackson, of St. Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earma Young, 708 Caldwell street.

Mrs. W. F. Crowell, who has sojourned in Chicago during the past several months is visiting relatives and friends here. Everybody is glad to see Mrs. Crowell, who has a host of friends throughout the city. More than a few socials have been given for her. Mrs. Crowell leaves soon for dear old Tennessee," but will be back in "Old Paduke" before returning to the Windy City.

Another guest to return to "Home Sweet Home" is the Mrs. Elnora McFadden Bailey, who is making St. Louis her present home. Parties and entertainments have been given in honor of his Kentucky character day and night, and owing to business Mrs. Bailey had to go back to St. Louis soon, missing other socials that had been planned for her. This distinguished lady is one of Lincoln high school's graduates.

Miss Saline Talley returned recently from St. Louis. She, too, is on the role of graduates of Lincoln. Miss Saline is known for her dramatic readings, which hundreds of concert goers have greatly appreciated.

What satisfies Mr. ——, who is employed by the I. C. railroad is an "I. C. pay day" and Miss Saline Talley's presence.

Cymboline No. 19, K. of P. recently elected these officers: W. B. Martin, C. C.; Thos. Tolbert, V. C.; D. K. Avant, Prelate; Richard Matlock, K. of R. & S.; Clarence Lane, M. of F.; Dr. V. J. Davis, M. of E.; Lee Nailing, M. of A.; H. B. Davis, B. C.; H. Helm, Trustee; Delegates to Grand Lodge, W. B. Martin and Luke Merriweather; auditing committee, J. A. Buford, Thomas Waugh and W. B. Martin. Physician, Dr. Van J. Davis.

CHRISTMAS DINNER OF S. F. 25TH INFANTRY.

Sporting Editor Freeman.

The members of S. F. 25th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, H. T., sat down to the following menu Christmas, December 25th:

Celery Olives Mixed Pickles
Fresh Lettuce Young Onions
Oyster Soup with Crackers
Roast Turkey, Stuffed with Oysters
Cranberry Sauce
Glazed Ham with Currant Jelley
Roast Pork with Apple Sauce
Canned Corn, Stewed French Peas with Cream
String Snap Beans Asparagus on Toast
Potato Salad Shrimp Salad
Bread and Butter
Assorted Pies Assorted Cakes
Fresh Bananas Oranges Apples
Assorted Candies Assorted Nuts
Cigars and Refreshments

Officers.

Capt. Jas. M. Loud ———————— Commanding Company
1st Lieutenant, Chas. H. Rich ———————— With Company
2nd Lieutenant, Raymond C. Baird ———————— With Company

Non-Commissioned Officers.

Elijah Reynolds ———————— 1st Sgt.
Chas. W. Owens ———————— Q. M. Sgt.

Sergeants.

James Linsey. Oscar Morgan
Byrd McD. Hart John H. Pearson
Early Carson Wilbert Moody

Corporals.

Benjamin H. Mills John Owsley
George H. Buckner Thomas Dunning
George W. Fearington Marshall Meadows
William Thomas Percy T. Knorl
Stanley Smith

Artificer.

Thomas Barclay.

Cooks.

Abram L. Fuller Thomas J. Joyner
Shelby Allison (asst. cook).

Musicians.

James H. Pratt Birl White

MSMORIAL TO DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN HAWAII.

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
December 25, 1915.

One of the most touching memorials ever held in this regiment, was held in the amusement hall yesterday in memorial to our distinguished leader, Dr. B. T. Washington. Over two thousand men in khaki uniforms attended, besides many civilians.

The service was conducted by Chaplain O. J. W. Scott. The following was the program:

Selections ———————— By 25th Inf. Band
Prayer ———————— Chaplain Scott
Hymn ———————— "Shall We Meet Beyond the River"
"Life and Character of Booker T. Washington" ———————— Sgt. Allen
Selections ———————— Band
"Eulogy on Life of Washington" ———————— Frank W. Hilson
Solo ———————— Mrs. Reynolds
Remarks by Fraternal Organizations:
Corp. B. H. Mill —— Lodge No. 50, F. A. M.
Sgt. Bryson ———————— G. U. O. of O. F.
Sgt. Jones ———————— U. S. W. U.
Selections ———————— Pvt. Rickman
Song, one of Mr. Washington's favorite jubilee songs.
"Reminiscences of Tuskegee' ——— Pvt. Moses
Quartette Selections ——— Scotts Glee Club
"Booker T. Washington as I Knew Him" ———————— Chaplain O. J. W. Scott

Taps were sounded after the ceremony by Musicians Jas. H. Pratt and F. L. Dawson.

SHAWNEE (OKLA.) NEWS.

Mr. Claud Readus, of 513 S. Bell street, will return January 15th from an extended trip to Kansas City, Omaha and Denver also California, where he was visiting relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. F. R. Lawson gave an elaborate reception during the Christmas holidays in honor of her husband's neice, Miss Elnora Williams.

Mr. Alonzo Cummins, of Lima, Okla., has purchased the Crowder property, across the street from his sister, Mrs. M. E. Lawson.

Mrs. Adie Parker, of 619 S. Union street, has returned from Oklahoma City, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Preston.

Rev. W. M. Jones, of Lima, Okla., preached two stirring sermons at White Chapel Baptist Church last Sunday.

Dunbar, Cal., school, with Prof. N. J. Caisar as principal, is progressing nicely.

The Lawson Brothers, John and Matt, have returned from Montgomery, Tex., where they attended the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Winnie Lawson. While on their way home they chanced to meet their old teacher, Prof. W. H. Brandon.

Mr. G. Nelly is a new subscriber for the Freeman.

You learn what the Negroes are doing when you read Negro papers. Read The Freeman.

Brother Wm. Nunn will preach in a Sunday School Rally Sunday, January 16th, at White Chapel Baptist Church.

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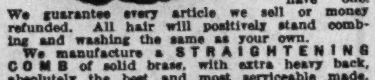

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A nation is in danger when the patriotism of its men is so feeble that conscription is necessary to secure soldiers to fight in defense of its flag.

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We thank our friends in all sections of the country for their Xmas and New Year cards, bearing messages of hope and cheer. We sincerely trust there will be many more opportunities to send and to receive these mute, but eloquent, attestations of remembrance and good will.

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A letter to J. E. Bush, grand scribe of the National Mosaic Templars of America, from Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, has been made public, acknowledging the receipt for Mrs. Booker T. Washington of a check for $500, representing the amount of insurance held by the late educator in the Mosaic order.

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A united Negro press is praying for the speedy recovery of Mr. Nick Chiles, editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, one of the race's most courageous and progressive champions. Mr. Chiles has been reported as critically ill with an attack of pneumonia. The race is too poor in men of Editor Chiles' virile character to part with him in this hour of pressing need.

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Dr. C. V. Roman, the Nashville, Tenn., sage and philosopher, is to issue at an early date a book entitled "American Civilization and the Negro," viewing the "problem" at an angle different from any yet touched by a Negro writer. The coming of the Roman book has been awaited by the literary world with great eagerness and that it will enjoy a large sale goes without the saying.

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The New York News' Christmas Bureau fed 1,600 poor persons in New York's Harlem district on Xmas day and gave innumerable toys to the children of indigent families. This is practical charity and illustrates the saving principle of self-helpfulness in that the benefactions came for the most part from colored people themselves. The New York News is never behind in doing its part to solve the ever-present "race problem."

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Fred Thompson, who learned his trade on the Topeka Plaindealer, is now linotype operator on the Fraternal Clarion at St. Louis. It is the colored enterprise that gives the colored boy these opportunities to learn trades that pay handsomely when the requisite skill is acquired. Doesn't this prove to the dullest among us the importance of sustaining business enterprises that offer an open door to members of our own race?

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The Negro is indifferent, if not hostile, to the labor unions—for the very human reason that the labor unions are indifferent, if not hostile, to the Negro workman. In this, the labor unions are standing in their own light. They will need the black legion one of these days when the people get tired of their tyranny and high-handed opposition to the progressive capitalists of the country. The Negro feels kindly toward capital, because capital is always generous with the Negro.

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The New York News calls upon Governor Whitman to "wake up" and keep his promises to the colored people of the Empire state. Editor Harris calls attention to the Governor's failure to allot to the colored citizens a proper share of the patronage of the state, only one Negro having been named for office within the whole year the present administration has been in power. Attention is also called to the distressing fact that the law forbidding athletic contests between white and colored men is still on the statute books, notwithstanding the solemn promise that it would be repealed.

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Our leading hair culturists and beauty specialists seem to be quite "on the job" as humanitarians. The openhanded charity of Mme. C. J. Walker, of Indianapolis, Ind., is proverbial—a "Lady Bountiful" every day in the year. And now, Miss Maud Jones, of New York City, formerly a footlight favorite and now a powerful factor in the business world, is enacting the role of public benefactress with marked appreciation. During December she contributed largely to the Christmas charity fund and gave toys and useful articles for the poor children and aged colored persons in the Harlem district.

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Frequently a presidential candidate handicapped by the kind of hangers-on everybody knows he will be compelled to take care of if he "lands" in the White House. The people, while admiring the candidate, are thus compelled to sacrifice him to keep out of power the "gang" that he is oftimes unable to shake out of his bandwagon. Candidates for the presidency in Ohio, New York, Indiana, Massachusetts and elsewhere, are invited to sit up and take notice. "Safety first" may impel them to "take stock" of their following and diplomatically separate the "sheep" from the "goats."

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The esteemed Pittsburgh Courier is "after" Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, for crass neglect of the 250,000 Negro citizens of that State. The Courier complains that not since he was elected Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth has one word come from him touching the welfare of the colored people, all of whom loyally supported him at the polls when he had to fight for his political life. This neglectful attitude of Governor Brumbaugh seems especially strange to the Courier, in view of the fact that he is a receptive candidate for the republican nomination for President of the United States.

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Of course, and as might be expected, books galore, purporting to be a personally-prepared "Life of Booker T. Washington," will be issued and handled by all sorts of persons, anxious to turn an honest penny. But the fact remains that the only authorized publication that will tell the story of the life and work of the "Wizard of Tuskegee," giving inside history available to no other chroniclers, is the volume now in course of completion by Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, and Lyman Beecher Stowe, grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe. This book will be issued in the early spring from the press of Doubleday, Page & Co., and will be entitled "Booker T. Washington: Builder of a Civilization." It will be well worth waiting for.

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That lynchings can be prevented was aptly shown by the courageous action of the local authorities and the soldiers in Muskogee county, Oklahoma, the other night, when a mob of about 500 midnight mauraders attempted to take by force from the jail two colored men accused of killing a policeman. The colored men were spirited away to a safe place of confinement in an adjoining county, while the militia and the officials of the jail held back the mob. The point must be enforced at the musket muzzle that the processes of law must take their course. If these men were guilty of crime, their punishment should come only after the fact has been established in open court. Free government is a failure where this principle of justice is not respected; democracy is on trial for its life.

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A movement in upper New York City to erect apartment houses, with accommodations at low rentals for the benefit of colored persons of limited means, is being fostered by the National League on Urban Conditions and a group of capitalists who believe that in relieving the congested housing conditions among the colored people of Harlem there is benefit to the Negroes and profit for themselves. As prices now stand, it is claimed that persons in receipt of low wages cannot pay for a flat, except by taking in miscellaneous roomers, and that this system does not make for good morals. L. Hollingsworth Wood, president of the Urban League, denies the contention made in some quarters, that this plan for the erection of the apartment houses is a movement in disguise to segregate the Negroes in a certain locality adjacent to the Harlem river.

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It is refreshing to note that one T. P. Riddle, of Lima, Ohio, who had charge of the tour of the "Buckeye Corn Boys," which included Washington and other places, has been dismissed by Gov. Frank B. Wills from the position he occupied in the Ohio State Agricultural Department. Riddle's offense consisted of retaining on his Philadelphia entertainment program of the Corn Boys a visit to a performance of the infamous film, "The Birth of a Nation," even after the governor had asked him specifically to eliminate this feature from his arrangements. The only way to indicate to some people that one means what he says is to erase their names from a desirable payroll. Much credit for this signal achievement is due to the earnest and persistent agitation of Armond A. Forter, editor of the Cleveland Advocate, and Harry C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette.

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The lynching of whites has been materially increased during the year 1915, as compared with the record of 1914, according to a statement prepared with great care by Monroe N. Work, head of the Department of Records and Research of Tuskegee Institute. Mr. Work's statistics show that a total of 68 lynchings took place in 1915, 54 of which were colored and 14 whites. In 1914 it is shown that 49 colored and 3 whites were victims of mob violence, an increase of 5 as to Negroes and of 11 as to the whites. Three of the victims were women. Eighteen of the lynchings took place in the State of Georgia. In the total it has been shown that at least four of the persons thus murdered were innocent of the crimes charged against them. It is but a rehearsal of an old story to say that there is no excuse for lynching any one, as the law is able to protect society against all offenders.

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The entire country is wishing ultimate success to Major Robert Russa Moton as the heir to the mantle of the late Dr. Washington. At Tuskegee he will have the able and active assistance of that marvelous man of all work, Secretary Emmett J. Scott, and that broad-gauged and resourceful vice-principal and treasurer, Warren Logan, as well as the sympathetic cooperation of the host of trained teachers and officers, schooled under the thorough tutelage of Dr. Washington. At his elbow will be the chieftains of the Negro Farmers' Conference, of the National Negro Business League, of the National Association of Colored Teachers, all the outgrowth of the Tuskegee idea and parts of the far-reaching extension work of the institution. The last words of the departed leader on "Co-operation" and "Team Work" will be regarded by all of these forces as the parting injunction of the great man whose work they have been delegated by fate to continue to carry forward.

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Very justly, the Newport News Star is peeved over the fact that a "monster mass meeting" under the auspices of the Negro Business League was advertised for a Sunday or so ago at a popular church of that city, a presumably attractive program was prepared for the occasion—and less than fifty persons turned out to take action on the "general uplift of the race," Editor Lewis, running the risk of being called a "knocker"—a favorite appellation of some folks for a fearless journalist who tells the race of its shortcomings—took the Newport News people to task for their neglect of this fine opportunity to get together. He found comfort, nevertheless, in the reflection that "there is never any failure when a good thing is constantly and unceasingly agitated," and advises that the "agitation of constructive measures" be continued with more aggressiveness than ever, because aggressive agitation seems to be sorely needed in his home town.

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The Pullman Company has "loosened up," as it were, and on January 1 its new scale of wages went into effect, involving an increase of $600,000 per annum in the compensation paid to conductors, porters and certain other employees and making an average advance of about 10 per cent. to each of the 9,000 or so persons included in the deal. The chief interest to the Negro in this matter relates to the advance in the scale paid to porters, as this is the line of activity in which he is principally engaged. They have been drawing from $27.50 to $35.00 per month, according to the testimony offered last spring by President Robert T. Lincoln and other officials of the company in an investigation carried on by the Federal Industrial Commission, looking into wage conditions throughout the country. The porters say that while the increase of 10 per cent. is helpful, welcome and highly appreciated, it is not sufficient to do away with the necessity for the time-honored "tip," which they must have in order to "piece up" to a living point the scanty amount paid them by the Pullman corporation direct. Travelers, therefore, will be expected to have the regulation "two-bits" ready when the porter shows up with his ever-ready "whisk."

NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE TO HOLD SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION ON AUGUST 16, 1916.

After a most careful consideration of the several invitations received from different sections of the country for the next meeting of the National Negro Business League, we are authorized by the members of the Executive Committee to announce that the League has decided to accept the invitation extended by the Local Negro Business League of Greater Kansas City. The meeting will be held August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1916.

It appears that the Business League has selected a most opportune time to hold their meeting in Kansas City, for as Mr. Fortune J. Weaver, President of the Kansas City Local League says: "These dates fit in just right, as the Masons will hold their Grand Lodge in Kansas City during the second week of August and the National Medical Association comes during the fourth week.

These two meetings in addition to the Business League session will offer best possible inducements to the railroads to make possible reduced fares and will afford delegates to the Grand Lodge and the Medical Association an opportunity to attend some of the sessions of the Business League.

The Executive Committee has also decided that it will be most appropriate and fitting that the first night's (August 16th) session be devoted to memorial exercises in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder and first President of the National Negro Business League.

Further announcements regarding the forthcoming meeting of the National Negro Business League will be made from time to time through the press. For further information write to J. C. Napier, Chairman Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee; Emmett J. Scott, Secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Charles Banks, First Vice-president, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

SOLDIERS' HOME NOTES, MARION, INDIANA.

The two new arrivals at Barrack No. 1 applying for admission are Frank Bridges, E Troop, 9th Cavalry, and G. A., 24th Infantry U. S. A., and ev. Lewis Robinson, oC. G. 17th U. S. C. T. Infantry. Lewis Robinson formerly lived in Cave City, Ky.

Jacob Mooney and Wm. Griffin were transferred to the hospital for treatment.

Benjamin LaForce, while going from the barracks to the mess hall, slipped and fell on the icy walks and sustained painful injuries. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Col. J. H. Ringgold returned home from Indianapolis Friday, where he went to attend the republican love feast. He reports a great time and a great deal of enthusiasm in the meeting.

Wm. Buchanan, who has been out on furlough, returned yesterday suffering with lagrippe and is now in the hospital for treatment.

Deputy Grand Chancellor J. H. Ringgold installed the following officers of Howard Lodge No. 23, K. of P., at Kokomo, Tuesday evening.

Chancellor commander, R. E. Gaskin; vice-chancellor commander, W. Ferguson; M. of Exchequer, James Gaskin; M. of Finance, Dr. J. W. Ramey; K. of R. and S., W. I. Greer; prelate, Henry Hill; master of works, William Reed; M. of A., Sherman Caryllie; inner guard, John Breckinridge; outer guard, Newton Palmer; trustee, Charles Hardiman; grand representative, W. I. Greer; medical examiner, Dr. J. W. Ramey. The installation was very impressive and the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

Major Jones, after a pleasant visit during the holidays to Louisville, Ky., with his daughter and relatives, returned to the Home Monday. He says the warmth of the steam heat in the barracks has an alluring charm for him.

The Home is rapidly filling up with new arrivals. The morning reports show a total membership of 1,665, and there is room for plenty more old vets that ought to be in homes.

Relatives and friends of old soldiers, keep your eyes on this column for the latest news.

THE CLANSMAN STOPPED.

Grand Army And Negroes Get Together and Drive It Out of Town.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Colored citizens of this community are rejoicing that the protest framed by Dr. E. D. W. Jones in connection with a similar protest from the Grand Army of the Republic won, and The Clansman was stopped by the chief of police. Every Negro church in the city, political and social organization was enlisted, and they all acted in such perfect harmony that the result was assured at the first meeting with the board of supervisors. Counsellor Oscar Hudson and Attorney Grasty were untiring in their efforts to run the infamous picture out of town. It is so like the spirit of the 60's that we hereto append the protest of the Grand Army which was first read by Adjutant Roberts in the Zion Church.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, NO. 2, DEPT. CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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San Francisco, Dec. 8, 1915.

Dear Comrade:

At a regular meeting of this Post the following resolution was passed by a unanimous consent:

"Resolved, that the exhibition called the "Clansman" or "The Birth Of a Nation" slanderously misrepresents the Federal soldier engaged in suppressing the rebellion, and maintaining the integrity of the Nation.

It attempts to throw a mantle of respectability around the infamous bandits called the Ku Klux Klan.

Its tendency is to engender hatred against the Negro Race and against the Colored troops, who not only fought gallantly for their freedom, but materially assisted in suppressing the infamous rebellion.

The exhibition is false in sentiment, false in history and false in fact, and should be suppressed."

I was directed by the Post to send a copy of this resolution to every Post in this department, and to request them to use their influence in condemning it.

Kindly have this read at your Post meeting.

Yours in F. C. L.,
JOHN H. ROBERTS, Adj.

EARLINGTON (KY.) NEWS.

The Star Social club met with Mrs. Marylue Holiwell at Barnsley, Monday, January 3.

Misses Gracie Hawkins and Lucile Garrette left January 4 to resume their studies at State Normal, Frankfort, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriwether were here Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. He put on the movie each night to a good crowd.

Miss Ernshia Dunbar, of St. Louis, Mo., stopped in the city a few hours Tuesday, January 4. She visited Mrs. Nannie Oliphant. She was en route to Columbia City, Tenn., to see her uncle.

Rev. and Mrs. Titsworth entertained a few of their friends Wednesday evening, January 5, at a three course 6 o'clock dinner. The house was beautifully decorated. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Mary Clark and Prof. and Mrs. P. A. Elison. Prof. and Mrs. S. H. Thomas failed to be present on account of the rain.

Mrs. Margaret Teague and her daughter, Mrs. Cordia Earl, of Madisonville, were visitors of Mrs. Mary Dunlap last week.

Mrs. Almeta McGee, of St. Charles, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Lowery, last week.

Mrs. Ida Steadman, of Cartersville, Ill., is visiting her father, Mr. Alex Casey.

Mrs. Lula Kirk, of Terre Haute, Ind., arrived here Tuesday night, January 4, and is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Belle Kirk, who has been quite ill.

Mr. Albert Waters has been on the sick list recently.

The chimes of wedding bells began to ring on December 24th, when Mr. C. W. Beauchamp, of Bowling Green, and Miss Alberta Richardson, of Owensboro, were married. We wish them a happy and prosperous future. They are teachers in the city school. Several other weddings took place recently, among them were Mr. R. W. Eliot and Miss Pearlena Logan, Mr. Ellis Frazier and Miss Zora Laffoon, and Mr. Albert Burns and Miss Beulah McCorley, and others. Haven't space to mention here.

There will be a grand concert at the conservatory Monday, January 17, 7:30 p. m., under the direction of Prof. Ernest Hyde and Mme. A. G. Bell. Admission 15c and 25c. Proceeds for benefit of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, R. L. Scott, pastor.

The P. S. A. is progressing nicely. Amount raised last Sunday was $12.00.

Elder L. F. Howard was at the C. M. E. church last Sunday. It was the first quarterly conference. He preached two able sermons, at 11 a. m. and evening.

Rev. C. H. Waters, of the A. M. E. Zion church, preached one soul stirring sermon at 3 p. m. The C. M. E. church is planning to start a carnival in the near future.

Mrs. Eather Eliot had visitors from Greenville recently, Mrs. Lidia Myers her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Oates her sister and Mr. Sherley Saulsberry.

Rev. H. H. Moody, of Mayfield, Ky., returned home last Monday. He had been conducting a two weeks' meeting at Slaughtersville for Rev. N. R. Cummings, pastor of the Holiness church. Rev. Moody did the preaching. Rev. J. H. Gooden, of Providence, led the song and praise services. Rev. Moody is a powerful preacher and teacher as well. Rev. Gooden did some good singing. The weather was very disagreeable—rain, snow, mud and the high water did not keep the people away, and their labor was not in vain. There were about 26 conversions, eleven sanctified and eight additions to the church.

Read the Freeman and keep posted. 5c. See W. M. Sisk on Saturdays.

DOINGS AROUND THE CELERY CITY.

(By W. Clarence Steward.)

Sanford, Fla., Special.

Behold the new year has come and every one of us has promised to do more in this year for the good of our people than we have in other years. We are having some ideal weather about as pretty days as we have ever witnessed in January. Everybody is crying for shows. We have had only two here this season so far. Both being new companies, but made up of good talent. The first was "The Florida Troubadours," a minstrel, well balanced, and it was a hit. Watts Bros., Means & Means, Winn & Neugent are some of the stars. The band, under the leadership of Prof. Gilbert Parris, was fairly good. The next company to play here was "Lew Kenner's Big Sensational Troupe" presenting Funny Billy Higgins, Bowman & Bowman, Genieve Sterns, Miss Edna Dudley, Kenner & Johnson. This company was composed of all star performers and the show was best seen here in some time. The writer was very sorry to see such a small crowd out that night, but managers must learn to advertise. The Big Sensational Troupe was entertained at the Palm Garden at an oyster supper on the night of the show. Everybody enjoyed themselves at dancing and whist until the wee wee hours of morn. We are always glad to have such companies as this come to our city.

The full dress ball given at the Daisy during the holidays by Mr. Jim James, was largely attended and everyone reports a nice time, as Mr. James knows what to have to entertain you.

Mrs. Leola Nixon spent the holidays at Madison with her mother-in-law, and she reports a swell trip. She also made a flying trip to Tallahassee while up that side and took in the Teachers' Association.

Prof. and Mrs. J. N. Crooms, Miss Fannie Eaverly, Mrs. M. E. Harris took in the State Teachers' Association at Tallahassee on the 28th to 30th of December.

Mrs. Geneva Thomas, one of the teachers in the Daytona school, spent part of the holidays in our city. Mrs. Thomas is doing great school work in the city by the sea.

Mr. James Blackmore, of Tampa, brother to Mrs. Dr. Kelli, spent the holidays here with his sister. While in the city Mr. Blackmore, Dr. and Mrs. Kelli motored to Orlando, Deland and other places.

A bunch of the Orlando young men came over the night that Lew Kenner's troupe played our town and were out to the show. It seems to be something that brought the Orlando boys over on that night. Sounds like the piano player. Some class.

Mrs. Louis Refore and little son H. L. Jr., spent the holidays at her old home, Fernandina.

Mrs. Fannie Choice is very ill at her home on Second street, but she is reported a little better at this writing.

Misses Sallie Green and Myrtle Davis spent a few days in Gainesville and Ocala.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair have gone to Tampa for a few days. Mr. Blair is one of our prosperous young men.

The Armstrongs, magicians, gave two swell shows at the little Daisy theater, and they were very much enjoyed by all. When it comes to magic and entertaining too much cannot be said about the Armstrongs.

Mrs. Irma Steward, accompanied by her husband, Clarence Steward, spent part of the holidays at her home town, Fernandina. Oh, you little Island City.

Miss Vivian Archer has been on the sick list, but is up again and at her duty at the Palm Garden.

Mr. A. G. Allen has built some theater in our town and it was opened on the 24th of December by Neal O'Brien Minstrels, and believe me, it was some show. Much credit is due Mr. Allen for such a swell theater.

Mr. Joseph M. Frye, groundkeeper for the Louisville baseball club, is in town making arrangements for the coming training camp which will be here. We are glad to have Mr. Frye in our midst and welcome him to our little city.

Death visited our city on December 27, and took from our midst Mr. Smith Jackson. Mr. Jackson was an active member of Jupiter Lodge No. 2352, G. U. O. of O. F., and was in good standing. The funeral was held from St. Paul Baptist church, of which he was a member. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn beside a host of friends.

Well, the leap year is here and the girls down this side have started already. Some of them are in earnest. They mean to get them a better or worse half.

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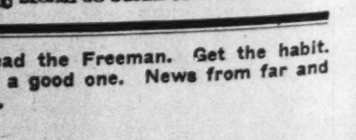

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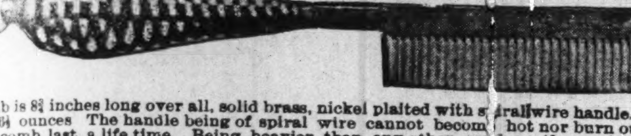

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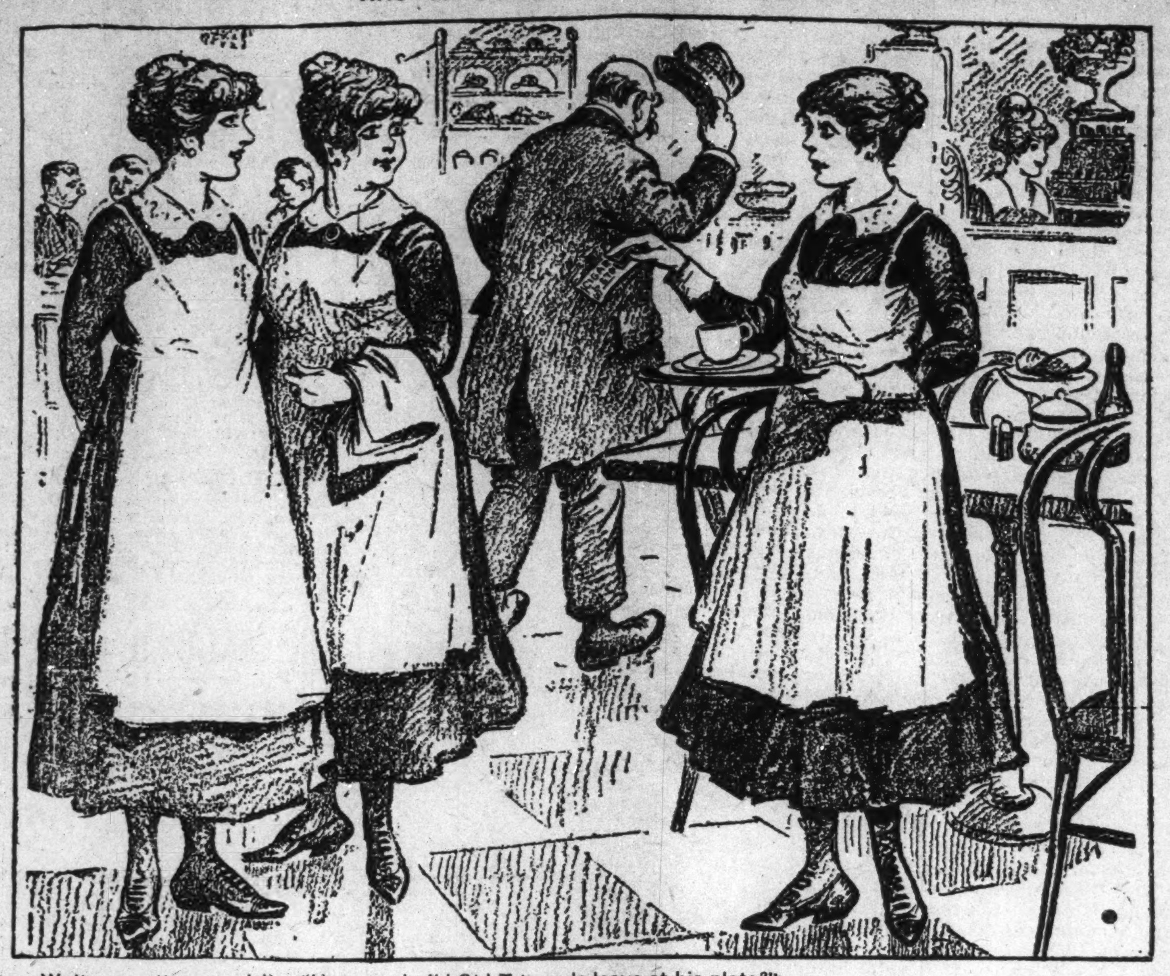

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By Grace Lucas-Thompson.

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He was a man, and more to blame,
But the world spared him a breath of shame,
Beneath his feet he saw her lie,
But raised his head and passed her by.

They were the people who went to pray
At the temple of God on a holy day;
They scorned the woman, forgave the man,
It was ever thus since the world began.

Time passed on and the woman died,
On the Cross of Shame she was crucified;
But the world was stern and would not yield,
And they buried her in Potter's Field.

The man died, too, and they buried him
In a casket of cloth with a silver rim,
And said, as they turned from his grave away.
"We have buried an honest may to-day."

—Arthur Lewis Tubbs.

Miss C. J. Collins, teaches music at the Sam Huston College.

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Now that they have traced Negro blood to Mrs. Frank Leslie, what are they going to do about it? What of it anyway?

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Mrs. A. A. Fuller is owner and manager of the Fuller Flats at Wichita, Kansas, a thoroughly modern and comfortable stopping place.

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Miss Minette Sutturs, a graduate in millinery and manicuring, conducts a high-class establishment at Memphis, Tenn. She also makes a specialty of cleaning white furs.

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Miss Geraldyne Hodges, a graduate of the University of Chicago, has taken charge of the School of Physical Culture and Expression at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

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Miss Leona Richmond is bookkeeper and stenographer in the N. G. S's office, and Mrs. F. B. Calhoun is chief clerk in the money department of the Mosaic Templars of Little Rock, Ark.

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Mrs. A. M. Tunbo-Pope-Malone and her husband gave $5,000 in the recent St. Louis campaign for the Y. M. C. A. The largest single amounts heretofore given to a cause of this kind were $500 and $1,000.

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Through the efforts of Mrs. M. E. Washington, the Indiana Household of Ruth led the country in the amount of money raised for the relief of the sufferers in Europe, many of whom have lost their all as a result of the war.

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Miss R. A. Webb, a graduate of Provident Hospital Training School for Nurses, has been appointed matron of the girls at Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Mo. Miss Webb was formerly head nurse at the Butler sanitarium, Evanston, Ill.

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Every nation has found delight in the wonderful story of Robinson Crusoe. An article recently told of a man who has spent years in collecting rare and curious editions of this book and as a result his library has the story told in 33 languages.

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There are just fifteen states in the Union where women do not vote for anything. There are eleven full suffrage states and one where women vote for the President only; there are twenty-one where they have a partial right to vote—generally for mombers of school boards.

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Paul Lawrence Dunbar's mother is still living and quite active. She is to appear at an entertainment for charity in Indianapolis, Ind., at which she will read some of her favorite poems of her son. She will also read "When Malinda Sings," the poem having been based on her life and dedicated to her.

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Miss Ola M. Walker is business manager of the Atlanta Independent and secretary-treasurer of the Independent Publishing Company. Miss Walker is described as a woman of rare business ability, pleasing address, easy of approach and of a sweet disposition. She has been associated with the Independent since 1911 and is an alumnus of the famous Lucy Laney school.

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As a memorial to her daughter, Mrs. Julia McAdos gives a Christmas tree to the Social Settlement children at Washington, D. C. The tree is loaded down with useful presents, toys, candy and fruit. This is made possible by her own beneficence and through her by the beneficence of her relatives, friends and many of the merchants of the city. Thus many hearts are made glad by a mother's love for her own child who is thus made to abide with her in spirit if not in the flesh.

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More than 1,000 boys and girls were remembered at Christmas at a monster Christmas tree given under the auspices of the Newsboys' Association. An elaborate program was carried out by Mrs. Bessie L. Allen, who is superintendent of the association and also a probation officer of the juvenile court. The Christmas tree is an annual treat for the children, and through love, sympathy, firmness and co-operation Mrs. Allen is doing a wonderful work among the "newsies" Louisville, Ky.

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Report comes that the French chef has been "tried in the balance and found wanting" in the South and that there is a great demand for the good old Negro cooks of long ago. To fill this aching voids, Rack Hill, S. C., is conducting a school of cooking for colored women and Georgia is also planning a school through the efforts of the eGorgia Federation of Women's Clubs. It has been said that the Southern cook is proverbially wasteful but it is planned to place special stress on economy in cooking in these schools.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

By PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

The word is writ that he who runs may read.
What is the passing breath of earthly fame?
But to snatch glory from the hands of blame,—
That is to be, to live, to strive
A poor Virginia Cabin gave the seed,
And from its dark and lowly door there came
A peer of princes in the world's acclaim,
A master spirit for the nation's need.
Strong, silent, purposeful beyond his kind,
The mark of rugged force on brow and lip,
Straight on he goes, nor turns to look behind
Where hot the hounds come baying at his hip,
With one idea foremost in his mind,
Like the keen prow of some on-forging ship.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

By Charles Alexander.

When the sad news of the death of Dr. Booker T. Washington flashed over the Associated Press wires on Sunday morning, November 14, 1915, the people of the United States experienced a great shock.

This man was born in obscurity, in poverty, in squalor, in the gloom of a terrible thralldom; but on account of his inherent qualities of head and heart he attained a commanding position in the world and exerted influence and power felt in almost every circle of human activity.

On account of the passing of Dr. Booker T. Washington into the mysterious beyond, a deep grief and an overshadowing sorrow still hangs over the people of his race. By his unfailing and indefatigable labors, he demonstrated that the handicap of lowly birth can not permanently bar a man from the ranks of distinguished service, honor and preferment.

I had the good fortune for a number of years to sustain intimate personal relations with this man, and I am well acquainted with the wonderful executive powers which he exerted, of his remarkable gift for organizing and leading and for the charm and drawing power of his personality.

Dr. Washinton was always conscious of his vicarious position in American life; he stood between a weak, struggling, hopeful, aspiring mass of black people and a strong, rich, dominant and successful group of white people; and he preached a sane, optimistic, practical doctrine, pleading for opportunity in industry, business and education, and he won the favor of both classes.

He was a man of tremendous reach and importance. Though born in degradation he was not degraded; though sunk in poverty in his youth, by his industry, thrift and intelligent efforts he gained rank and wealth. Though belonging to a despised race, a race prescribed, discriminated against and hated, he won the confidence and affection of people in all walks of life. While he lived in a period of greed, of powerful financiers, of merchant giants and of the rule of the dollar, yet he commanded the interest and sympathy of the lowest and the highest, of the poorest and the richest, of the smallest and the greatest on this continent.

The secret of Dr. Washinton's success was due to his fine diplomacy, his tactfulness, his prudence, his sagacious conduct, and the magic of his personality. He was able to win audiences from the most refined and cultivated society. He found it possible to reach men who lived, virtually, in steel cages, protected from the intrusion of the outside world. How he was able to reach them, to win them and to divert their attention from the business of money-getting to money-giving is one of the great secrets of his life. No private citizen wa stoo exclusive in habits, too powerful in the business world, too great in any respect for him to reach, and when he did reach his man he came away with the object of his quest, the fruit of his effort.

His sanity and poise won him unusual distinction. He became the foremost man in America. His name was known to people in the most remote sections of the world. He had a great mission, and he pursued that mission with a fidelity and devotion unexampled by any man of his day.

When Dr. Washington came out of Hampton Institute in Virginia, where he received his education, he founded the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama. He soon found that what little education the Negro had acquired came from books written by white men; that the Negro's thoughts and notions and ideals came from the same source, and that the heritage of slavery had left the race incoherent, unorganied, with no racial integrity, racial solidarity, racial union, or racial conceit to hold it together. Finding the race weak in these respects, he set himself to the serious task of organizing the Negro people, suggesting racial pride and racial union as the foundation upon which to build the superstructure he would erect in the United States.

Dr. Washington urged that industrial training, the mastery of the arts and handicrafts, the building of homes, the buying of land, the cultivation of the soil, the establishing of business enterprises and the starting of bank accounts were the ultimate solutions of the perplexing problem of the Negro life. Instead of contending for abstract rights, seeking political office, aspiring to positions in the social world, or dramatizing the ills suffered, he contended that it would be better for the race to establish itself in tangible, substantial, material possessions, getting a solid foothold in the soil and by such means make itself valuable and indispensable to the nation.

From small beginnings under the most serious handicaps and circumstances his institution was established. This educational enterprise was developed under his magic control into one of the best known educational centers in America. It has an endowment nearly one million and a half dollars, and possesses property worth $1,118,000, consisting of one hundred buildings and 2,345 acres of land. The academic course runs through seven years under competent teachers, many of whom were graduated from the leading universities of the country. And there are forty industries taught at Tuskegee. At the present time there are nearly 2,000 students and 200 teachers, all belonging to the Negro race.

In his wonderful book, "Up From Slavery," Dr. Washington wrote, "I think that the whole future of my race hinges on the question as to whether or not it can make itself of such indispensable value that the people in the town and state where we reside will feel that our presence is necessary to the happiness and well-being of the community." And in his other remarkable book entitled, "Character Building," Dr. Washington says, "One farm bought, one home built, one home neatly kept, one man the largest tax-payer and depositor in the local bank, one church or school maintained, one factory running successfully, one truck garden profitably cultivated, one patient cured by a Negro doctor, one sermon well preached, one office well filled, one life cleanly lived—these will tell more in our favor than all the abstract eloquence that can be summoned to plead our cause."

His ideal was that the Negro should prove his worthiness by his usefulness. His ideal of worth was service, and this is a splendid idea and ideal.

Dr. Washington was a very practical man. He devoted himself and he used his talents in directing attention to opportunities rather than advertsities. He could see beauty in common things about him. He could get consolation out of handicaps and he could get happiness out of hardships; joy out of troubles, and he saw in industry, thrift and clean living the ultimate solution of life's hardest problems.

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Monday evening, January 3, under the apspices of Zarodatha Lodge No. 61, F. A. M., the largest gathering of representative citizens of southern Illinois met at the S. M. T. hall, not only to enjoy an elaborate menu, but to listen to addresses made by prominent men of the above named cities.

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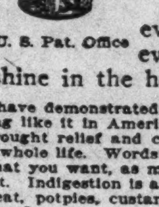

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Some one had blundered—the Dardanelles.

In these days of rain one can't help thinking of Noah's Ark.

The lining up for Senator in this community is developing some strange political freaks among the colored contingent of the G. O. P.

The submarine muddle is terminating in quite the natural way. No country wishes to be accused of wilfully murdering innocent subjects of a non-belligerent country, not to speak of the posible unpleasant complications.

One or two of the prominent colored party workers have signified a willingness to go to Chicago as a delegate-at-large, or as an alternate. The State is a unit for president, but the Senatorial mixup may prove disappointing to some ambitions.

The stout men of England say that it will yet win. It may be so; but if so it has got to lose much of the ancient bluff due to prestige, superiority on the sea and so forth. The Englishman is a good fighter, but he is also a conceited fighter, depending more on his spiritual courage than on his brawn, resources, preparedness and durability. He thinks all of those things are his at their best. The Germans are undermining his notion of formidability.

The concluding lines of Longfellow's "The Building of the Ship," are very suitable to the great Baptist church, owing to its present controversy. The lines in part are:

"Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathlessly on thy fate!
We know what master laid thy keel,
What workman wrought the ribs of steel."
"Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
'Tis of the wave and not the rock."

We would like to see President Wilson have nerve to appoint ex-President Taft to the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Taft is of fine judicial temperament, one who takes to the law as a duck to the water. He belongs to the latter day school of jurists, unfettered by the law's "ponderosity,' 'as it were, some years ago when learned men almost spoke in an unknown tongue. It was formerly so with our President's messages, all of which have changed in recent years, and which, by the way, was largely due to Mr. Roosevelt's "freedom" of speech. Mr. Taft is not nearly so radical and voluminous as Mr. Roosevelt, which makes his speeches, no matter however stuffed with learning, delightfully readable. When treating subjects of law he has the same lighter, yet intelligible and logical style.

President Wilson sent a cheering message to Principal Moton of Tuskegee, saying: "I am sure I am giving voice to the feeling of the vast majority of those interested in education in this country, and particularly in the education of the Negro, when I express my gratification at your election as Principal of Tuskegee Institute. I have known something of the special work you have been trying to do for the people of your race and of the spirit in which you have undertaken it, and I believe that your selection as the head of Tuskegee Institute means the promotion there of the best, most practical, and most hopeful ideals for the development of the Negro people. I take pleasure in extending to you my sincere congratulations." It is a pleasure to know that the President has seen fit to extend his congratulations to the new head of Tuskegee. In spite of the various political faiths and views the country is nevertheless one on the great essentials. Tuskegee's new master needed the best endorsement, and such as the supreme representative of the country alone could give. The great work needed the great endorsement.

According to report the lynchings in the United States for 1915 were 69. This is an increase of seventeen above the number that met their deaths at the hands of the mobs in 1914. Six more Negroes and eleven more white persons. Of the number lynched 55 were Negroes and fourteen were white. Eighteen lynchings occurred in the State of Georgia, a fact that stands out against the increase, in that the area was limited, and which means much in view of our many States with their large Negro populations. In a sense it is gratifying to know that the mob is getting to the place where it is not a respecter of persons. While this is no pleasing (?) distinction to the mob spirit, yet it relieves the Negro race of the implied thing that it alone was the subject of mob fury, and which created two ugly impressions. These were: That the Negroes were held in especial contempt, and that their crimes were such as required unusual methods. With these thoughts in view we should not feel depressed owing to the increase of lynchings in the past year. Then, too, the war spirit felt everywhere may have contributed to the increased lawlessness. Everything considered, the great decline of the years, we should have reason to feel that the mob as it concerns a particular people is passing.

"Janus," in the Lagos Standard, of Lagos, West Africa, speaking of Booker T. Washington, gives a comprehensive survey of the life of the distinguished deceased notwithstanding he had no further information at the time further than "the bald telegraphic announcements," as he puts it. The leading paragraph is as follows: "A prince and a great man is fallen in Israel." Booker Washington, the wizard of Tuskegee, the man whose magic touch transmuted everything, not into gold, but into something more useful than gold, has passed away after a comparatively short span of life, and left the world, and particularly the Negro race to which he belonged, the poorer for his loss." The writer in another paragraph says: "The present writer remembers that about the year 1878, when he was a student at Richmond, Va., Washington had just graduated from Hampton, and received a call to teach in Tuskegee, Alabama, a town that was situated in the heart of what is known as the 'Black Belt,' which was noted for the backward condition of the colored inhabitants." African papers also speak intelligently of him, showing the worldwide knowledge of him, and which estimation is not different than that entertained by those who were better acquainted with him.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article which sets worth the work of the National League on urban conditions among Negroes. E. K. Jones, an associate director of the league, will be in Indianapolis January 17th and 18th, at which time he will observe the work of the organizations that are interested in the social and economic betterment of the colored people of this city. The headquarters of the organization is in New York. Those among those prominent in its activities are: L. Hollingsworth Wood, Chairman; John T. Emlen, Vice Chairman; Kelly Miller, Vice-Chairman; Robert R. Moton, Vice-Chairman; William H. Baldwin, 3d, Secretary; A. S. Frissell, Treasurer; Victor H. McCutcheon, Assistant Treasurer; Felix Adler, Roger N. Baldwin, Miss S. P. Breckenridge, William H. Brooks, Paul D. Cravath, James H. Dillard, Charles D. Hilles, John Hope, Mrs. E. P. Leaf, Abraham Lefkowitz, Fred R. Moore, Edward Ewing Pratt, Mrs. Albert S. Reed, E. P. Roberts, Miss Ella Sachs, Paul J. Sachs, Edwin R. A. Seligman, George W. Seligman, Miss Elizbeth Walton, Booker T. Washington (deceased), William G. Willcox. It will be noted that both white and colored men and women are among the members of the organizations. some of whom are known throughout the country. Mr. Jones will meet with a pleasing reception in this city, and will be helped in all ways possible to get the information he desires.

So the Progressive party will hold the national convention on the same dates that the Republicans hold theirs. Thats' the latest, and a very shrewd move it is all right. That is, it is a shrewd one to get Theodore Roosevelt nominated for the presidency. The Colonel is not without his following, and with the soft pedal on his fighting program he may not prove so bad, at least, no worse than he was. Not that he was not a success. Mr. Roosevelt, in some respects, was an exceptional executive. As a whole, he averaged up with his predecessors. His ruling fault is his belligerent spirit and which instances served the country well enough, but it, nevertheless, is a trifle dangerous. As a leader of men he is to be admired, but as a great presiding officer in a republic he is a doubtful proposition. But the doughty Colonel has a way of overshooting the mark in order to make an impression. He was not near the anti-trust man that he made believe he was. He reared and cavorted and the trusts, like a little Ford, rambled right along. It may be the same concerning his ultra-preparedness views. Nevertheless, he is inflammatory, and consequently doubtful. In times like these there comes to the surface a class of men who believe in taking the bull by the horns, Johnny Bull, or the Teuton bull, or any old bull. It sees in such men as Roosevelt saviours, and who are the only gods of the hour —a Boulanger, a Bryant and who in their estimation, are the proper men for the jobs. In times like these the country needs its safest characters, dyed-in-the-wool sanity men who run no risk in giving over to the moment's effervescence, nor seek to work out undue ambitions in moments of passion.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ATTITUDE.

President Wilson informed Bishop Walters, this week, that he would not appoint a colored man as Recorder of Deeds at Washington, D. C., because, as he said, the Senate would not confirm the appointment. The news at first blush is rather distressing from a political viewpoint racially considered. The feeling will be, we dare say, that the President should have made the effort, as Grover Cleveland did, as Roosevelt did, who made appointments and made the Senate like it. He has taken time by the forelock, and which in many cases is the proper thing to do. In this case it would have been just as well to have made a political feint, even if he knew that it would result in nothing. As we think it the President, no less than other men, has a duty to perform. Perhaps, honesty of purpose may be alleged as the reason the feint was not made. We do not see it quite that way. He would have served the Negro race well had he made an effort to place a colored man in some good representative place, and as he virtually pledged to do at Baltimore when waited on by Bishop Walters and others. The failure of the Senate to confirm would have been a totally different affair.

It is true that the President did not say that he would retain certain offices for colored men. He did give it out that the members of the race would be considered as citizens of the general nation, swearing that it was his Christian duty to thus consider them. He made it plain that he was not going to make a notable departure in the treatment of Negroes. And the committee of colored men went away feeling thoroughly impressed that Mr. Wilson was actually a race hope since he was a Democrat.

We are not of the opinion that very much was done throughout the country politically by the colored voters to earn those larger offices—Minister to Hayti, the Recorder of Deeds. From that viewpoint—measure for measure—those offices are unmerited. But Mr. Wilson was not thought to be so exacting; it was thought that he meant to follow closely in the steps of his immediate predecessors; it was thought that the race would be represented in the nation, at least, by way of a few of the usual prominent offices. The President did not say so; it was by inference that it would be that way.

It must be admitted that our race has not thoroughly understood President Wilson. The question is, Is he for us? There is no way of knowing. He has made two or three fairly good appointments, and which, perhaps, amount to the sum of political activity in behalf of his party. He sidestepped the Jim Crowing at the capitol, but presumably permitted no anti-Negro legislation such as was promised by Vardaman and others. He has made no reference to us in his state papers as former Presidents did, and yet he seems to respect our status as citizens, but from the white man's viewpoint. In fact, he seems sweetly oblivious to the race, permitting it to move along as best it may without cheering word or signal of discouragement. He has left us so completely alone that it is not known whether he is a friend or enemy? He says that he will give other appointments, smaller ones. But this seemed to have been wrung from him, and in defense of his well-known utterance at Baltimore.

BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION.

What effect the decision rendered in the Chicago court anent the National Baptist Convention controvery is unforseen at this time as it concerns the unifying of the two factions. Elsewhere in this publication will be seen, under the caption of "Jones Faction Wins in Court," the decision and the general facts leading up to it. We are not well enough acquainted with the history of the controversy to talk intelligently of the merits of the quarrel. However, we feel to say again what we said when the division came about, that the great Baptist church can not afford to go to pieces over a minor difference, a difference in views of government. A few great religious organizations of the past have split because of the differing views of fundamental principles. The quarrel in the Baptist church, whatever it may be, is not one concerning creed or doctrine. This being true the conflict should be short-lived.

That church is a loose compact, something like that which exists among the federation of states, but not nearly so allied as the states, hence prudence and wisdom in the conduct are among the essentials. Here is no place for selfish, one-idea men who just must rule though the heavens fall. The Baptist church is everywhere, and so absorbing that its questions and troubles are as national question and troubles. If we take unusual interest in them it is owing to the fact of that church's influence and dominance. Whether the Chicago court has simplified or complicated matters we are unable to say. It is to be hoped that that profound and religious institution will not permit itself to go to pieces for any reason whatsoever. Religion and morality need oneness of effort in the directorate in order that the impression be best. Any disorder of confusion in heads of affairs means demoralization in the ranks. The army is an excellent example of the necessity for orderly proceedure.

The Baptist churches are sovereign in themselves, but at that they have seen the necessity of a sort of federation. This unity has worked for the good of the organization as it has worked for the good of the individual churches. Organizations without government of some kind fails in vitality, or fails according as the government proves inefficient. Those great big truths are apparent to all. And if we are considered preaching to that church it will not be said that it is not necessary on this occasion nor that we are not preaching the truth. The test of love and regard is the attention paid; not in flattery or by endearment at all times, but by the stern command of: Come to judgment.

We hope the best for the great church, and that its course will not be such as to shock the confidence of its many friends. It is a part of the race problem, perhaps, the best example of church democracy in this country, a test of government at its best, and which means the necessity for intelligence, wisdom and sound judgment.

FIFTEEN, NOT FIFTY.

An article appearing in a recent number of this publication referring to Mme. E. Azalia Hackley's fifteenth professional anniversary had "fiftieth" instead of "fifteenth." Sometimes one little word does not amount to much, even if it is the wrong word. But here was a case in which it made a vast difference, and concerning something about which most women are very sensitive. Some men also are just as particular about having their age properly quoted as women. A fiftieth anniversary would have put the madame way up there, and the assertion doubtless would have given her annoyance had it been permitted to stand.

In referring to the matter the madame said: "I confess that I have passed the fair, fat and forty period I am growing rather sensitive on the subject of age. I have a few more years to spare before I live a half century, much less singing that long." She avows that she has only been singing fifteen years. We are a little disturbed because we gave her such an unusually high age rating. We assure her that it was not intentional and as it concerns her singing and appearance it has not occurred to us to think of her age at all. Those who have seen her or her fine picture in the Exposition number of this publication must concede that she is a beautiful woman, despite her asseveration of fair, fat and forty. When she sings one thinks of Dunbar when he tells of how Malinda sings. Of course, Malinda is not in the madame's class; we have in mind the fine impression made on the poet and his fine expression of it. So even if she were December she would be May to us, and to those that see and hear here. The question is, how in the world did two such distinguished qualities meet in one woman?

But it is amusing to learn that the madame has well grounded suspicions that she is on her way to the sere and yellow. She said that not long since she was guilty of trying to button her shoes with a nail file, and of putting a bottle of iodine in her muff instead of her powder puff, besides doing other suspiciously aged tricks. These irregular things may not appear amusing to the very young. They can not enter the spirit of the "fun." But when those of forty and up hear them they at once see the humor because of similar experiences. We laugh at grandmother chasing her spectacles when they are perched on her forehead, but when it comes to our own spectacles we say as little about the event as possible, but inwardly concede that we are moving up. We have many signs and tokens that apprise us of the fact that we are reaching the class that is making the last stand before shuffling off the mortal coil. And there is something providential in it; we are being warned, so that old age wont catch us all down and out.

No, Madame E. Azalia has not starred fifty years, nor twenty years. She is not Patti or Sara Bernhardt, and has not begun her farewell tours, and she does not need to begin them until she is ripe sixty. She is now in her early forties; it means a good period before she needs to get real uneasy as to her future. Her prospects yet in all respects are most flattering, even including that of matrimony. She has everything in her favor, a fine intellect as well as the rest of it already mentioned.

HUMBOLDT, TENN.

(By Eddie McCray.)

Miss Clara John, Miss Manuel Webb and Mr. Odie Clark, of Milan, spent a few hours in the city as the guests of Miss Ora V. Ragans.

Mrs. Amanda Allen and Mrs. Charlott Pierce, who have been seriously ill with the grip, are able to be up again.

Mrs. Caroline Campbell has returned, after an extended visit to her daughter's home. Mrs. J. Seat, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. T. M. Stigall entertained friends Saturday afternoon. The feature of the reception was music rendered upon the violin and piano by Mr. Alvin Matthews and Miss Estizer Watson. Little Miss Francis Marion Stigall sang "I Am Waiting For Santa Claus." Mrs. E. Matthews and Miss Watson sang a beautiful duet. Refreshments were served in the beautifully decorated dining room and were enjoyed by all.

Matthews, who has been visiting his mother since Thursday, has returned home to Dyersburg.

The Enternous Club entertained with a leap year party on Monday evening, January 10th, at the home of Miss Willie Day. This being leap year, the young ladies escorted the gentlemen to the party. The guests numbered sixty-five. Music and games were the features of the evening. A three-course menu was served.

The members and friends of Lane Chapel C. M. E. Church, in welcoming their pastor, C. C. Townsend, rendered a very nice program Sunday evening.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Mr. Charles Drury, a prominent citizen of Mt. Vernon, departed this life Sunday, 2:30 p. m., at the family residence on Second street. He leaves a wife and five children, also many relatives. The funeral services were conducted at the A. M. E. church, Rev. W. M. Kelly officiating.

Mrs. Richard Wynn has moved to St. Louis, Mo.

The officers of the Missionary Sunday school installed officers Sunday morning, appointing Miss Nancy Butler superintendent; Miss Naomia Anthonk assistant; Miss Anna Jones, secretary; Mrs. N. Smallwood, Treasurer.

Miss Alice Johnson has returned to the city after spending the holidays with her sisters in Evansville.

Prof. G. W. Wilson, of the city schools, reported ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

LINCOLN, NEB.

On last Thursday eevning, January 6, 1916, the Coleman Club held its first skating party of the season. An enjoyable evening was spent by all. The following young people were present: The Misses Hazel Holcomb, Jennie Kelley, Christeall Westfield, Josephine Hawkins, Bernice Hawkins, Mary Greene, Belva Spicer and Dorothy Flippin, and Messrs. Morris Stepney, Cecil Thomas, Chas. May, R. Shakelford, Kenneth Oden, and Glennie M. Coleman, the agent.

TITUS BURKS DEAD.

Virginia laments the death of one of its oldest born citizens, Titus Burks who resided at Rockland, Ohio. He died at home of his relative, J. R. Flemming, Dublin, Va., January 3.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM GRIFFIN FLEMMING.

MR. LEE ON HELENA (MONT.) HIGH SCHOOL BASKET-BALL TEAM.

Quite a commotion was caused at the Helena high school on January 5th, when the instructor at the gym made the announcement that Mr. Julian Lee was to play on the basket ball team. Two of the players of the team under instruction from their parents withdrew their names. It will be remembered that Mr. Lee saved the day for Helena at Bozeman, Mont., in 1914, while playing on the team as supernumery, and he also had some trouble in getting his place at Hotel Placer.

It is reported by those in a position to know that Mr. Lee handles the ball with more grace and ease than any man on the team. The professor says he is there to stay and we believe Mr. Lee will be instrumental in assisting Helena in bringing home the bacon.

Miss Myrtle Cross and Mr. Lewin Terrell have returned to Helena.

Mr. Royal Parsons, of Helena high school, who was a rival to Mr. Bud Phelps of Butte, Mont., says things will be easy for him this season since Mr. Phelps' mysterious disappearance from the state.

Rumor has it that Mr. Gouldmate is going to wed another soon. Well, take my advice, "B" don't want a girl that don't want you.

Mrs. C. C. Mathews, 522 Hollins avenue, entertained the Busy Bees and there was some kind of a punch served that would not behave. At least it seemed to interfere with pedestials.

It is reported here that the 24th Infantry will be stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Mrs. Jefferson Harrison has returned from Los Angeles, Cal., where she was called some time ago.

Mrs. Harrison is weighing some 200 or 300 pounds, more or less.

Helena is about to have a Calanthian court.

The whole state was visited by a snow storm last week and the thermometer registered 16 degrees below.

Mr. Wesley Cottle has been on the sick list.

Please subscribe for The Freeman while it is cheap this month—only $1.

GROSBECK, TEXAS.

Sunday, January 9th, Rev. James Harrold was here to meet his people. He preached two excellent sermons at the Head Branch Baptist Church. Collection was $9.25.

Rev. Jackson preached here Thursday night and Friday night for the people of Groesbeck.

Mother Cotton, and Mrs. Callie McGuire are on the sick list.

Rev. H. R. Butrel and wife made a trip to Thornton on business, but they were defeated on account of a big snow and had to return back home.

Mr. Simon Gee has paid up in full for his papers, and says for me to keep on leaving him one every week.

Mr. T. H. Evans made a nice lecture concerning the Baptist Herald, Sunday night. After the sermon he said many good things. He stated that the Baptist Herald was the best Negro paper on earth and the best Negro paper that can be published, which may be true. Now I am handling the Colored Freeman, and I am not trying to run down any Negro paper at all, because they are all good, and am glad that the Colored Race of people have made good so fast that we can have and read our own Colored papers, as well as read the white peoples' papers. You don't see anything good said about the Negroes in the white papers at all. While I have over eighty-five people here in our town that are taking the Freeman every week, and I am still getting readers for the same.

Rev. James Harrold has sent in his order for one years' subscription to the Freeman. When you want to read a real good Negro paper and one that you can see what our big Negroes are doing all over the world for the Race, why read the Freeman. It is the oldest Negro paper that is published.

We have a certain lady in this town who does not take the Freeman, but she is always going from house to house and borrowing the Freeman.

She tries to criticize the write-ups but is not able to do so. The next time I hear of her doing this I will let my readers know who she is.

Stop borrowing other peoples papers and subscribe for them yourself. The reporter will deliver they to you every Sunday morning. You do not have to walk after them. He delivers them rain or shine right to your door.

The Freeman headquarters is located at the Colored Barber Shop. See James A. Jones when you are in need of the Freeman. He will also report your little write-ups for you every week.

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO.

Middletown, O., news is not in this week because Robert King, the agent of the Freeman, took sick at his work Monday morning at 3:00 o'clock and has not been able to be out the greater part of this week.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Miss Frances Gantt, who is teaching at Duckettsville, Md., was in the city last Saturday for the week end and with a party of friends took in the "Broadway Rastus" show at the Howard.

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Mrs. W. H. J. Malvin, of the office of the Recorder of Deeds, has returned from a visit to Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Lawyer Charles S. Hill, district grand master of the Odd Fellows, was tendered a magnificent banquet one evening last week at Odd Fellows' Hall.

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Mr. Henry P. Slaughter, editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal, is favorably considered by the thirty local lodges of Odd Fellows for the office of Grand Master of the national body, now held by Edward H. Morris, of Chicago. He will attend the meeting of the Subcommittee of Management, which meets shortly in Philadelphia.

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N. B. Staley, a graduate of Howard University and of the Miner Normal School, has been appointed to teach academic subjects at the O Street Vocational School, of which J. Moria Saunders is principal.

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January 16 has been set as the date for the national memorial meeting in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Distinguished speakers from all parts of the country and representing all walks of life have been invited to take part in the program and the occasion will be of international significance. Mr. Henry Lassiter is chairman of the general committee on arrangements and R. W. Thompson is secretary. The meeting will be held at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, which has been donated for the event by the congregation, led by the pastor, Rev. C. Harold Stepteau, who was an ardent admirer of the deceased educator.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell, in a card to the Evening Star, paid a high tribute to the life and work of the late Dr. Washington.

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Rev. Monroe S. Caver, of Arkansas, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church, of this city, has accepted an appointment in the War Department. He was connected for a long time with the Treasury, but found that a change would better fit into his ministerial duties. He is a progressive young man.

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Because of disadvantages that overshadowed its advantages, Miss Lillian Evans, assistant in kindergarten instruction, has declined a proffered promotion to kindergarten principal, with assignment at the Garfield School, beyond Anacostia, D. C. It was expected that Miss Evans would be named to succeed Miss Nettie Murray as kindergarten principal at Bell school. Miss Evans, who is an extraordinarily competent teacher and a brilliant musician, is the daughter of Dr. W. Bruce Evans, who was summarily deposed some years ago as principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School.

ALTON (ILL.) NEWS.

(By Pearl Curtis.)

On December 31 there was a draw social given at the A. M. E. church. There was a large attendance.

Mrs. Carrie Hopson has been very ill with a severe cold during the past week, but is able to be out again.

Miss Lillie Narling was married to Geo. Williams on December 15, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are residing at 410 E Third street.

NOTICE.

All Negro race people in and around Mayfield, Ky., who believe in a race pride establishment are asked to patronize the People's Undertaking Co., 333 West Broadway, Mayfield. Ky. W A. Cox Mgr. Promptness. Good Service.

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LOST RELATIVE.

Mrs. Missouri Thomas (Nee Hughes) formerly of Tillar, Arkansas, would like to locate a brother named Mathew Hughes. The last time Mrs. Thomas heard of her brother he was in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Thomas can be found at 1805 West Scull street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; at least a letter will reach her at that address.

The Freeman is on sale at the Busy Bee boot black stand, Plant City, Fla., every Saturday. Walter Robinson, agent.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

(By P. Keith, Agent.)

Mrs. M. E. Adams returned to Atlanta, after spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Riley, at their residence at 2111 Eller street.

Don't forget on Monday night, January 17th, the Glynn Concert Band will give a grand entertainment at Memorial Hall, in behalf of their old home. Prof. Timmons, Mr. Jacob Wood and Mr. Jimmie Walburg are leaders. The public is cordially invited. The admission only 10 cents. The Uniform Rank and Savalry Company will be there to greet the Prodigal Sons.

We are glad to hear of Miss Lottie O. Keith. She is the assistant editor of the Lumber City Journal. We wish her great success.

Mr. Alonzo William, cornetist, late of J. C. O'Brien Minstrels, is now in the city.

Have you ever stopped to think of it. May 1st all the saloons will close their doors in our city. What will we do for our city bitter bill? Oh don't worry, you can get it here, there, everywhere, just the same as you get the Freeman.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

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New York, Jan. 10.—Herbert E. Vollmer, the Columbia University star, who represents the New York Athletic Club in open competition, today created a world's record for 150 yards in twenty-five-foot natatorium, clipping 2 3-5 seconds off the old figures and setting the new mark at 1 minute and 29 4-5 seconds.

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Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Jack Dillon, the Indianapolis light heavyweight champion, battered down another barrier in his march toward the heavyweight goal tonight when he defeated "Porky" Flynn, the Boston heavyweight, in practically every round of an eight-round fight. When the gong sounded, ending the eighth round, Flynn, a beaten fighter, walked toward his corner without hesitation, while Referee Billy Haack reached for the right hand of "Jack, the Giant Killer," and hoisted it in the air amidst the applause of the biggest crowd that has seen a Queensbury show here in some time.

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Lee Bodin, one of the latest aspirants for ring honors, stands 6 feet, 6½ inches; Fred Fulton is 6 feet 4½ inches; Cowler 6 feet 3½ inches; Weinert 6 feet 2½ inches; Coffey 6 feet 1½ inches; Moran 6 feet 1 inch; Harry Wills, the Negro heavy, 6 feet 2 inches; George Carpentier, now serving in the French army, 5 feet 11½ inches; while Gunboat Smith is the smallest of the group, being 5 feet 11 inches. Among the older school of heavyweights Jeffries and Corbett alone approached in height the big men who today are fighting in the same class. Jeffries stood 6 feet 1½ inches when at the top of his ring career. Corbett measured 6 feet 1 inch when he defeated Sullivan, who was but 5 feet 10½ inches. Jack Johnson was half an inch over 6 feet; Fitzsimmons a quarter of an inch under 6 feet, while Sharkey, Choynski and Tommy Burns were all under 5 feet 10 inches.

KID SNEAD, AT THE BUCKINGHAM,

Doing Three-Round Bouts, Lost to Leo Patterson.

Louisville, Ky.

Kid Snead is still winning at the Buckingham Theatre in three-round bouts. He has had three bouts since he lost to Leo Patterson, knocking out Kid Green November 19th in two rounds; K. O. Kid Niles of New Orleans in two rounds, November 26; beat Jul Foman in eight rounds December 8. Snead failed to put over the K. O. but gave Foman a good beating in the eight rounds they went. Snead has been engaged at the Buckingham to meet all comers this winter. Leo is certainly a good boy, take it from me. If he fights like he did when he and my boy Snead fought and takes proper care of himself, it will be hard for any lightweight to get by him. He knows how to fight, that's one good thing. If he only had the chance he would make those would-be champs hustle to their place. He is a prince in and out of the ring, nice lad to talk to, always ready to wish you good luck win or lose. Kid Snead and myself will raise ours to Leo Patterson.

Yours sincerely,
KID PHILLIPS.

HARRY YOUNG'S BLACK TROUBADOURS.

(Seymour James.)

At this writing we are in our fourth week at Helena, Ark. and business is just as good as it was on our opening night. We change every night and at 8 o'clock you can't get a seat. This is the only show that has ever played Helena four weeks and played to capacity business nightly. Why do we do it? Because we are giving the people what they want. Mr. Zollie Ford, our stage director, is giving the public such acts as "Dime from New York," "Twenty Minutes in Hell," "Dirty Shirt," and "Low Down." All these I have mentioned are first-class. In connection with that we have such well-known performers as Ford & Ford (Zollie & Jennie), that clever pair that pack the houses with high-class singing, talking and dancing. Mrs. Jennie is a swell performer who always pleases, and Zollie is known to be one of the best comedians on the stage. He is really funny. Austin & Austin (Slim Jim and Elenora) is a musical and black-face act that takes well. Mrs. Austin is a funny commedienne. She holds her audience spellbound with her droll comedy. She is funny under cork. Slim is an eccentric dancer and trombone player. Seymour & Mary James are doing a first-class singing, talking and dancing act that screams the audience nightly. Mrs. James is a clever singer and is one of the best hard-shoe and soft-shoe dancers in the business, and Seymour is an all-round performer. Seymour and Mary are a pleasing pair. Miss Effie Mae Tolan joined us at Helena and is a singing and dancing deamon. She is a swell baritone singer and also a clever dancer. Mr. T. H. Jones, a swell singer and dancer, is doing the middle, while Seymour James is doing straight in all the acts for Mr. Ford. Chub Hawkins, piano; Alex Dukes, drums; Mr. Ford, cornet; Mr. Harry Young, manager. Regards to all friends, including The Freeman.

Local News.

Helena is full of amusements. There are two picture shows, a home-talent minstrel show, and a medicine show, and the Black Troubadours. Johnson & Johnson (Bob and Elven), and Mr. Geo. Rhynes are here with Dr. Hankerson's medicine show on the main streets. They are swell performers.

The original Fishback has a home-talent show. He showed at the Plaza Theatre Friday, January 7 Mr. Zollie Ford and wife, Austin & Austin, Chub Hawkins, and Seymour and Mary James caught the matinee.

Mr. Miller, owner of the Plaza Theater, is a swell manager and is a good fellow to meet. I mean for us men to meet. His mother, Miss Miller, is the richest colored lady in Helena.

The Black Troubadours gave a female minstrel Monday night, January 10th, to a packed house. Miss Ford, Mrs. James, Mrs. Austin and Miss Effie Mae Tolan were the comedians. Some show.

Helena has a very swell drug store owned by a wealthy colored man, with a fine pianola. It is a very nice place to stop at when you visit Helena.

Helena went "dry" the first of the year, but it is "wet" right on. Why? Because the Mississippi river is there.

Little Seymour James, en route with Harry Young's Black Troubadours, would like to hear from J. C. Miles and Happy Kimball at once. Business of importance.

BOSTON THEATRICAL NOTES.

That new team, Gus Stevens and Billy Purcell, lately known to the professional world as the team of Stevens & Purcell, are new at a team, but not to the show world. Gus Stevens is formerly of the team of Williams and Stevens, and Billy Purcell, the monologist, is late of the Patterson Trio. They are meeting with great success down East playing United time; January 10th, 11th and 12th, Hamilton Theatre, Dorchester, Mass; January 13th, 14th and 15th, Bowden Square Theatre, Boston, Mass. Stop, look and watch us grow. Regards to all friends.

STAGE NOTES.

Prof. Roy Pope was called to the city last week to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Wilburger, who died January 6th.

Gertrude Struffin, playing with the Whitman Sisters in Indianapolis, was visited last week by her husband, Mr. William Utterback, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The happy days were spent at the residence of Mrs. Dunnington, of West Michigan street.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Alford, John
Brooks, Clifford D.
Brown, Kid.
Buckner, W. C.
Buger, Henry
Brown, E. W.
Cross, Billy
The Clarks
Farrell, Ed.
Grant, Archie
Gauze, Willis
Goodloe, John
Givins, Eugene
Gray, Mr. Boisey.
Graham, Sam
Hill, Wilson C.
Hunter, Edw. E.
Hines, Saml, 2.
Johnson, Elwood
King, Hunter
King, Frank
Kelley, L. C.
Lemons, Eddie
Marvelous La Vola
The Mayfields
Miles, Roy
Mason, J. H.
Miller, Frank
Moore, Joe.
Nelson, J. R.
Oats, Charles B.
Polk, Leroy
Perryman, Frank
Porter, Peter
Puggsley, I. C.
Peterson, Wallace
Parks, C. A.
Robinson, Walter
Redmond, Teddie
Quine, Geo. W.
Shook, Joe
Shackelford, J. A.
Smith, J. A.
Shane, Everett
Scott, Leonard
Wearer, J. J.
Wise, Jim
White, W. H.
William, King.
White, A. Mordecar
Webb, Jeff
Wilds, Isaiah
Young, W. H.
Young, James
Moreland, Frank

Ladies' List.

Brown, Rosa
Barnes, Edna
Burton, Mrs. Ebbie.
Brannon, Rosetta.
Buckner, Maggie.
Caldwell, Miss Ray.
Elmore, Irene
Glenn, LaBelle.
Gorden, Ethel C.
Henderson, Bertha
Hackless, Minnie
Hill, Josephine
Love, Miss Jessie
Moore, Effie
Russell, Alice.
Ricks, Bertha.
Richmond, Estella.
Redmond, Rebecca
Spikes, Evelyn
Smith, Mrs. Laura.
Thomas, Leola
Van Clay, Elizabeth
Wilson, Ruth
Wiggs, Pauline

ROUTE.

Silar Green, from New Orleans Company, Gainesville, Fla., January 17; Hawthorne, 18th; Palatka, 19th; Green Cove Springs, 20th; Crescent City, February 2nd; Deland, 22nd; Orlando, 24th.

Leon, the Magician, Newnan, Ga., January 17th; La Grange, 18th; West Point, 19th; Opelika, Ala., 20; Auburn, 21st and 22nd.

STAGE GOSSIP
J.B. DAVIDSON

The Whitmans are in their third week at Indianapolis.

The Boyds, Al and Cora, are still in Indianapolis, Ind., taking things easy.

Langston Brothers and Baby Mack are in Memphis. Regards to Russell & Owen.

Robert H. Gant sends regards to J. H. McCammon, Charles E. Rue, and all friends.

Any acts that have any thing new to offer please write Alex Tolliver, Box 568 New Orleans, La.

Zollie Ford and Jimmie Ford are now with Harry Young's Black Troubadours. Regards to all and a prosperous new year.

Prof. Silas C. Elliott is painfully ill with blood poison in his right hand. He is now located at 137 Griffin street, Troy, Ala.

Chas. Anderson is resting up in Philadelphia, where he has opened a big rooming house. Address 1238 Fitzwater street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson closed Xmas day with the Alabama Minstrels in Hot Springs, Ark. Address 433½ Pleasant street.

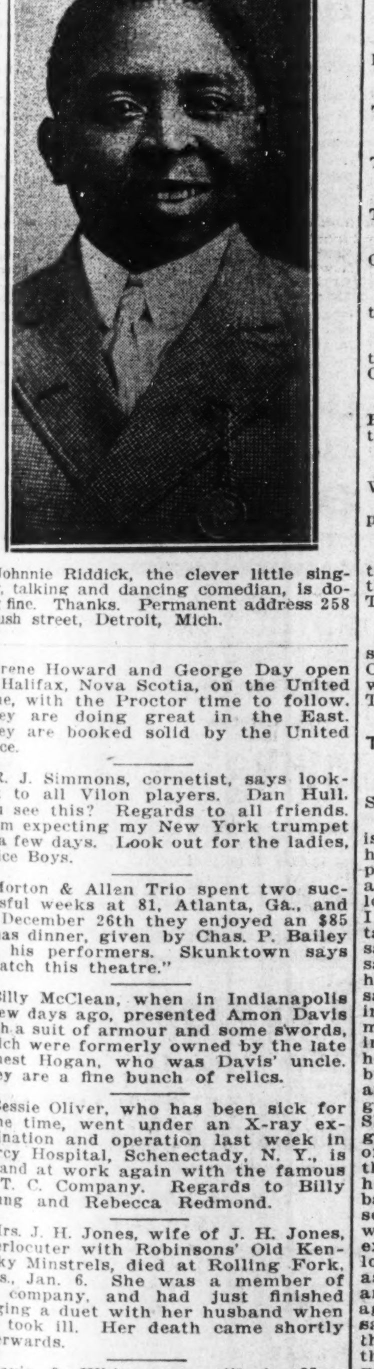
Sandifer & Marshall opened in New York at the Olympia Theater and cleaned up. Joe Page Smith caught the act. Nuf said.

Martin & Motely's Novelty Company are in their winter quarters at Louisville, Ky. They will be pleased to meet the performers when coming to that city.

Waddy & Brown, the two black-face fun inventors, have just closed their time down East. Open time. Address 318 Corral street, Lexington, Ky.

Leon The Magician is still in the state of Georgia, playing one night stands. Would like to hear from all friends. Address L. R. Long, General Delivery, Newnan, Ga.,

Arthur L. Prince will have charge of the biggest and best monstrel band on the road the coming season. Show will open in April. Boys, write me, care The Freeman office.



Johnnie Riddick, the clever little singing, talking and dancing comedian, is doing fine. Thanks. Permanent address 258 Brush street, Detroit, Mich.

Irene Howard and George Day open at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the United time, with the Proctor time to follow. They are doing great in the East. They are booked solid by the United office.

R. J. Simmons, cornetist, says lookout to all Vilon players. Dan Hull, you see this? Regards to all friends. I am expecting my New York trumpet in a few days. Look out for the ladies, Noice Boys.

Morton & Allen Trio spent two successful weeks at 81, Atlanta, Ga., and on December 26th they enjoyed an $85 Xmas dinner, given by Chas. P. Bailey for his performers. Skunktown says "Watch this theatre."

Billy McClean, when in Indianapolis a few days ago, presented Amon Davis with a suit of armour and some swords, which were formerly owned by the late Ernest Hogan, who was Davis' uncle. They are a fine bunch of relics.

Bessie Oliver, who has been sick for some time, went under an X-ray examination and operation last week in Mercy Hospital, Schenectady, N. Y., is up and at work again with the famous U. T. C. Company. Regards to Billy Young and Rebecca Redmond.

Mrs. J. H. Jones, wife of J. H. Jones, interlocuter with Robinsons' Old Kentucky Minstrels, died at Rolling Fork, Miss., Jan. 6. She was a member of the company, and had just finished singing a duet with her husband when she took ill. Her death came shortly afterwards.

Davis & White are still in New Orleans, La., and will be here working until after the Mardi Gras and will be back in vaudeville again. Hello, Earl Walton and Lula Alk. I am working in a cabaret. All is well. All mail will find me at 323 South Liberty street.

Geo. Stamper, New York Strollers, and Clayborn Jones, Yamma Man Company, are in Atlanta at the 81 Theatre, packing the houses daily. There are twenty-six people on the stage; some show. Good acts and singing and dancing girls. Mr. Skunktown Bowser would like to hear from you.

J. H. McCamon will open the season with the Virginia Minstrels at Hot Springs, Ark., about March 6th. Will remain at 412 Pelma street, Mobile, Ale., until February 10. Write me there. Have some band this season if I get my lineup of musicians I want. Regards to the profession.—J. H. McCamon.

Prof. Timmons has just returned to his home in Brunswick, Ga., from Jacksonville, Fla.; was there visiting his brother, and says he had a very pleasant trip. He will rest at his home until February 1, then return to the show. All mail will reach him at his home address, 1611 South Stonewall street, Brunswick, Ga.

Gus Stevens and Billy Purcell are meeting with big success down east playing for the United Booking office. The first three days, January 3, 4 and 5, Winchendon, Mass., Gem Theatre; last four days, January 6, 7, 8 and 9, Thompson Square Theatre, Charlestown, Mass. Best regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Henry Jackson, after filling a 50-weeks' engagement as pianist at the Star Theatre, Shreveport, La., has joined the Dreamland Exposition Shows. He makes parades daily with his electric unaphone and is the only colored person in the South who has the position as official advertiser for a white show. He sends regards to all.

James Marshall and Clarence Dotson have joined hands as partners in vaudeville and are under the direction of Mr. Harry Weber, Palace Theatre building, New York City. Jas. Marshall and his wife, Ora Criswell, the famous, have agreed to disagree. Mr. Marshall will be remembered by his connection with the late Aida Overton Walker and Mr. Dotson as the partner of the deceased Sammy Gordon.

Max Elliott, head of Prof. Eph Williams' Silas Green From New Orleans Shows, now heads for Florida East Coast for the month of February, 1916, with the largest and best equiped colored show in America and that goes. 270-foot cars, 55 people, 12 head of stock is the equipment. When the noon-day parade comes down the street the natives sit up and take notice, as it looks like a 100-car circus. Business all we can take care of.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Miller & Lyles are at Keith's Theater, Lowell, Mass.

Brooks & Bowen are at the Palace Theatre, Chicago, Ill.

Jones & Johnson are at the Orpheum Theatre, Elkhart, Ind.

Housely & Nichols are at the Bijou Theatre, Bay City, Mich.

Lulu Coates & Company are at the Colonial Theatre, Erie, Pa.

S. H. Dudley and Mule are at Pantages Theatre, San Francisco, Cal.

Burt Murphy on Poli circuit, and this week at Poli Theatre, Bridgeport, Conn.

"What a Wonderful Mother You'd Be," is a big hit with Billy E. Jones, the popular balladist.

Marshall & Tribble are at Proctors', West 125th street, New York City.

Fiddler & Shelton are at the Orpheum Theatre, New York.

The Southern Darkies, a quartet from the West, is scoring a big success on the United time. This week at Royal Theatre, Brooklyn.

Ten Black Hussars are scoring a big success on Loew time with Tom Cross, comedian, featuring, and this week the act is playing at the DeKalb Theatre, Brooklyn.

THE GRAND THEATER, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Special to The Freeman:

The Grand Theatre, Birmingham, Ala., is one of the largest and finest equipped houses in the South. The seating capacity of this house is 1,400 and it is a usual thing to see the S. R. O. sign long before the curtain rises. Since I have been fortunate enough to obtain the service of Madame Billy Kersands, the wife of the late Billy Kersands, the minstrel king. She is a big hit in vaudeville and I am pleased to say that Mrs. Kersands is now appearing in her third consecutive week at my house and she is the greatest drawing card that has ever played my house. She is not only a drawing card but she delivers the goods in songs and recitations. Mrs. Kersands has a good voice and knows how to handle it. She is a great favorite here and she gets the same reception that was so often given her beloved husband, Billy, the old veteran of minstrelsy. She is holding the name and fame of her husband with honor and dignity. I am so pleased with Madame Kersands' work and rawing abitity that I have extended her engagement two weeks longer with her own company known as Mrs. Billy Kersands Minstrel Boys and Girls in Vaudeville, under the management of Mr. Crendell. Mrs. Kersands wishes to say that Mr. Johnson, the manager of the Grand, is one of the most courteous and business-like gentlemen that she has ever met. He knows how to treat a real performer. So fellow performers, write him and get in a first-class house and meet a manager with good business qualification.

Cosey Dudley, our young stage manager, is also a fine gentlemanly fellow and I must say that all of his productions are up to date and have met with the unanimous approval of both the manager and audience. Mr. Dudley is a performer himself and knows how to treat one.

Madame Kersands' permanent address, 606 West 12th street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

CINCINNATI NEWS.

(Col. Brown and Staff.)

The Lincoln.

Hiram Sorrell, ventriloquist, is laying off at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Smith-Bright Players are in their second week at the Lincoln Theatre, Cincinnati, O. The show is up to the standard. Mrs. Morrison Brooks carries the house by storm and receives several encores. The show on the whole is good.

The Pekin.

The Pekin is still running first-class pictures. Mr. Olive Dempsey is fast regaining his health. Everybody in Cincinnati is anxious about Olive.

The Smith-Bright Players are in St. Louis week of January 17.

A SONG FOR THE ELKS.

"At the Elks' Ball" is the title of a red hot song dedicated to the Colored Elks. Words and music by Thomas Buster Page, writer of "At Times," and published by Tom Page (the music man), at 108 S. Union Street, Lima, O.

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"HOLIDAY IN DIXIELAND" AT THE GRAND—LORENZ TROUPE, MADELL AND ROGERS SCORE.

That "Holiday in Dixieland" created a furor at the Grand last Monday evening, goes without speaking. W. M. Mastin, formerly of the California Poppies, and Vergie Richards, the sweet singing soubret, now a triple shouter, were the stars and their dancing tango numbers won big applause. The eccentric dancing feature of Harry Gray and Sam Bailey were also a specialty. Others in the big act were Bert Smith Nellie Carr, Essie Wallace, Cora Hunter, Miles Williams and Francis Woods The Florenz troupe were marvellous tumbling acrobats and made a hit. Ruby Wells, in winsome songs and joke-talk, showed quite some cleverness. LaVelle & Finney, in songs, were good artists, but not great voices. Hunter's Dogs in character poses, were very intelligent white English setters. The last half of last week was celebrated by the first and last appearance of the Cherry Sisters. There was a day and some people will remember the song, "The Day That's Gone Will Never Come Again," so they should have been retired and forgotten. Adah Banks remained but she will need a new relationship of songs. "The Eight Bleach Dots," it seems, was handicapped by the illness of their comedian, Marcell Mitchell, who died in an ambulance as the curtain rang down. Sam Davis, the black-face comedian, took his place in a moment's notice and did wonders. The sudden turn of matters, which I were not aware of last Monday evening, was unfortunate. The act was surprisingly good after Monday night. Joseph Sheftell, a fine natural tenor, was also a good dancer. Sam Davis' jokes were good and Fred Davis the basso, sang and danced well. Little "Dewey" Jones was another good dancer. Irene White was clever in part but must force her upper notes above faltering tremolo. Viola Braxton, Emma Smith and Mildred Brown complete the Dots. Besides the Cherry Sisters, the other two white acts were exceptionally good. Mabel Fonda's trio of juggler dancers were immense and Madell & Rogers were two modern up-to-date jokers who pleased in wit and humor and the song, "My Mother's Rosary," made a hit.

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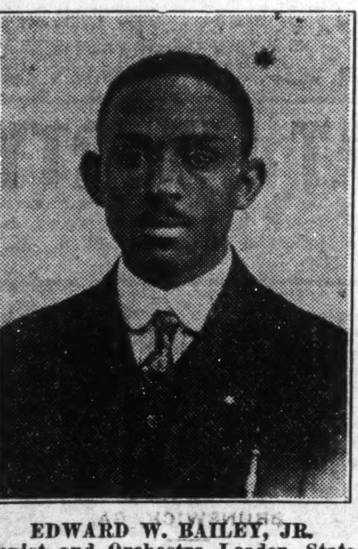
Program of the Movies.

States Theatre—"On Her Wedding Night," Saturday, January 15, and "The She Devil," Sunday, January 16. Business is big at this popular house.

Atlas Theatre—"The Wonderful Adventure," Saturday, January 15th, and "The Buzzard's Shadow," Sunday, January 16. This house is full every night.

The Phoenix—"The Primrose Path," Saturday, January 15th, (no children), and "The Silent Man." The Sunday feature, January 16th, is "The Little Gypsy." This house is full matinee and night.

The Washington — "Graft" (series) and Keystone comedies, January 15, and "The Iron Strain," Sunday, January 16th. Patronage is good.



EDWARD W. BAILEY, JR.
Pianist and Orchestra Leader, States Theatre, Chicago, Ill.

Current Literature.

Shelton Brooks and Clarence Bowen, last Monday at the Palace Theatre on Clark street, meeting with their unusual success.

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The Six Musical Spillers are in the city at the big North American Garden. Billy Spiller is one musician who has good sense.

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Billy McCarver and Theodore Pankey have been appearing at some good local houses. Mr. Pankey complains that they are unable to get their price to play the Grand, but they should.

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A. R. Poole, a popular musician, is in the city visiting friends after over two years of travel for his health. Fred W. Gross, bartender at Al Russell's, is being highly commended for good continuous service, good gentlemanly qualities and honesty.

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The report last week that Salem Tutt Whitney was ill was an error. Homer Tutt was out of the cast at Springfield, Ill. Hattie Akers, who was ill for a week at Hotel Brown, has fully recovered and returned to the company.

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Jack Smith and Will Glenn have returned from Peoria. They were at the Indiana Theatre last week with other local time to follow, intermingled with dates out of the city.

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Boyd Radcliffe is back from Tom Brown and Billy Johnson's High Steppers' act which has disbanded. Tom Brown and Carita Day have joined hands and the team left for South Dakota over the Western Vaudeville Association time.

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Sandy Burns and wife, Gretchen Burns, met with good success in the East and at the Lincoln Theatre in New York. When I first saw Burns & Burns in Chicago, I told all the actors that the new team had a good act and Burns is a good comedian. Len Henry and Manager Thomas, of Washington, D. C., have offered them time.

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Margaret Ward was obliged to have an operation performed on her dislocated arm. She had been removed from the Provident Hospital to her home in quite a serious condition, as we go to press.

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The following latest arrival of actors is Sam H. M. Davis, of Davis & Walker; John and Lizzie Roy are on the Western time. They opened at the Apolo on 47th street. "Toots" Davis and Eddie Stafford are with Jean Bedini's Burlesque Company at the Columbia. Nettie Lewis has returned from the Pacific coast.

CLARENCE JONES
Pianist and Orchestra Leader, Composer and Arranger for The McKinley Music Company.

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The cabarets were made merry when Clarence Bowen showed up at the Elite. Dave Peyton, Jack Davis, Toots Davis Eddie Stafford, "Klondike" Lewis Schooler, the lithographer, and the scribe were in the party last Monday evening after the shows. Then we moved to Teenan Jones' place, where Shelton Brooks, Teenan Jones and Col. Lee occupied a small table in the center. The place was jammed. I took occasion to toast Clarence Bowen as follows: "Here's to the man you know, you know; the only black Caruso." Hazel Elliott is the new entertainer at the Ranier. The Panama also had an audience of good size.

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Sammie Davis, the pianist, formerly leader with the Drake-Walker Players, who was run over by an auto truck of the Consumers Coal Company several weeks ago, is out again, but in a weak condition. He was taken to the Provident Hospital and complained that his treatment proved that he was undesirable. He was sent to his room, where Dr. Bibbs attended him. In the meantime an agent from the Consumers Company called and offered him first $50, then $100, which he did not give consideration. Davis was picked up senseless and the auto car did not stop and there is good ground for a heavy law suit. In regard to private hospitals, I feel justified to state that there should be a forceful law controlling such institutions. in cases of public accidents in the interests of the poor of any race or color and in the interest of humanity against the lesser sectarian autocrats.

OBITUARY.

Sam Lucas, Veteran Actor, Dies at the Age of 75.

The veteran Sam Lucas is dead. The most distinguished actor of his day and time died at his home in New York City January 9th of heartfailure, at the ripe old age of 75. That Mr. Lucas was a most noted character in stage life as an actor and song writer is best told in his illustrious history. Sam Lucas was born in Washington, Fayette county, Ohio. He was reared and educated by the late Bishop Payne at Wilburforce University, Ohio, and was a cousin to Rev. Ransom. His earliest career was as a dramatic actor when he appeared in the "Underground Railroad," written by Pauline Hopkins, under the management of Z. W. Sprague. He joined Lew Johnson's Plantation Minstrels at St. Louis in 1870. On July 4, 1873, he joined Callender's Original Colored Minstrels at Leavenworth, Kans. Prior to his trip abroad he was refused application to become a Free Mason in America on account of his color, but was accepted and made in London, England, and afterwards recognized in America. While in London he was received and appeared before the Prince of Wales, who met him on the five points of fellowship as a brother Mason. When he afterwards visited Ireland, Scotland and Wales, all principal halls were bedecked with emblems in his favor. On his return to America he joined the Hyer Sisters' Musical Comedy Company, playing "Out of Bondage," where he introduced his original song, "Carve Dat Possum." Others of his songs were, "Dem Silver Slippers," "Everyday Be Sunday Bye an' Bye," "Meet Me at Sunrise in the Morning," "Shivering and Shaking Out in the Cold," "Talk About Your Moses," "What Kind of Shoes Are You Going to Wear?" "The Colored Exedus," and "Six Feet of Earth." His next tour was with a white dramatic company. He played Negro characters in "The Molly McGuire" and "Over the Hills to the Poor House." He next starred in Uncle Tom's Cabin as the first colored Tom, under C. H. Smith. He once introduced Flora Batson as a singer, then later, as a widower, he married Carrie Melvin, a musician of the Bergen Star Concerts, in which he was appearing, and after which time Mr. and Mrs. Lucas traveled extensively in vaudeville and with Sam T. Jacks' Creoles. He also introduced Rosa Lee Tyler in vaudeville at the Olympic, Chicago. After he and his wife had parted, Bob Cole took him in the "A Trip to Coontown" Company, and afterwards Ernest Hogan took him in the Rufus Rastus Company. Nine years ago his health began to fail and he only appeared occasionally.

SAM LUCAS.

Helen Goodman.

Helen Goodman, wife of Harry Goodman, manager of the Samoan Girls, died of pneumonia January 2, 1916. She was a charming lady of respectable purity whose presence was acceptable in the most exclusive society.

HELEN GOODMAN—SAMOAN GIRL.

The funeral took place at St. Monico's colored Catholic church Wednesday, January 5. Father Edward Rice of the Church of the Nativity, who had baptized her and her husband into the church, officiated. Interment was in Mt. Olivet cemetery. The deceased was 47 years of age and is survived by her husband and a few nieces. Mrs. Goodman was known in early life as Helen B. Spencer. She was born in Windsor, Canada, but reared in Detroit, Mich. She made an early reputation as an elocutionist and her first prominent engagement was when she appeared in East Lynn at the Madison street Theater, Chicago, Ill. She was also the first colored Spanish dancer and had appeared in acts with Bob Cole, Goggin & Davis, Alex Mayhew, Billy Cook and Mills & Goodman. He also traveled with Downing's Creoles, Goodman's Colored Comedians, Al G. Fields' Darkest America, Isham's Octoroons, Coontown 400 and in vaudeville. When Mr. Goodman's health failed so that he had to give up as a performer, he put his wife and LaBelle Glenn, the singer, in vaudeville as the Samoan Girls and after developed it to a four-act novelty which made a hit on all the big vaudeville circuits.

Marcell Mitchell.

Marcell Mitchell, a young comedian 31 years of age, born in Atlanta, Ga., died Monday, January 3. Mr. Mitchell was the comedian of "The Eight Black Dots" which opened at the Grand Theater last Monday evening. Mr. Mitchell, who was slightly consumpted, had a complication of light ailments. He complained of feeling ill to his partner, Joseph Sheftell, but did not have to attend rehearsal. He had bought a white shirt and collars, then went to bed. He expected to be able to appear at 8 o'clock but Dr. Bibbs was sent for and at 9 p. m. phoned his partner at the Grand that Mitchell would have to be sent to the hospital, and he died in the ambulance on his way.

Sam Gordon.

Sam Gordon, the comedian, formerly of Dotson & Gordon, recently died in Denver, Colo., where he had gone for his health, after having dissolved partnership with Dotson, the dancer.

The Lonesome Place, Somewhere.

The stars peep down with a ghost-like stare,
In the field, and tombstones mingle there,
In the lonesome place, somewhere—somewhere,
Beneath the rays of the moonbeam glare.

There is no passport or rate of fare,
For all human forms must enter there,
In the lonesome place, somewhere—somewhere,
Away from trouble, sorrow and care.

The morning awakes with a sunlight cheer,
The singing birds all assemble there,
In the lonesome place, somewhere—somewhere,
Perhaps where spirits have offered prayer.

—Sylvester Russell.

NOTES FROM ROBINSON'S OLD KENTUCKY MINSTRELS.

(By Dennis West.)

We are still winding our way along the dear old Mississippi and business continues to be fair, although the holidays have made the business somewhat lighter than before the holidays. Nevertheless, prospects are favorable for a prosperous winter season, as the weather has moderated again and the days are pleasant. Prof. West has strengthened his band considerably with the addition of Mr. C. A. Booker, solo cornetist of much ability and a credit to any musical organization. Mr. Powell, clarinetist, gets his share of the comments and then some at each and every concert. Mr. Smith, trombonist, is due much credit and is a coming musician. He is quite young but rapidly progressing. Mr. W. W. Whitman is arranging for a trip home to Mobile, Ala., shortly.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mark Veal, of the Rabbit Foot Company, at his home in Greenville, Miss., where he was spending the holidays with his family. He is some royal entertainer, I'll assure you. Make things pleasant? Well, I guess he did.

Mr. R. S. Lovelace and S. McWilliams send best regards to Mr. Joe White, sensational snare and trap drummer with the Rabbit Foot Company. Dudley and Dudley would like to hear from Billy Mack. Regards by the company to all in and out.

For advertising, The Freeman brings best results.

TRIBUTE TO SAM LUCAS, ACTOR.

I herewith submit a tribute to the late Samuel Lucas, that grand old man of the stage. The first Colored Uncle Tom and the youngest Uncle Tom of the day. He has played that part with the Kibble and Martin show during the seasons of 09-10-11-12. But now retired from that life, I still have my warmest friends in the profession, knowing you feel the loss of such a noble character as this man was.

A Tribute to Dad Lucas.

Just a happy son of stageland
That you couldn't help but love—
Gone to join our other idols,
In the big show up above.

Keep this great big Yankee nation
Laughing care away for years—
For a million eyes of laughter,
There's a million eyes of tears.

Fighting bravely to the finish;
Cheered by every pal and friend—
Though he knew that death was falling,
He "kept on smiling" 'till the end.

And the Master in His goodness,
Laid Ol' Dad to rest—
While the angels placed a tambourine
Of roses on his breast.

What an all-star cast up there,
Recruited from our race—
And in that mighty chorus,
Oh Dad! save me a place.

Just a few more "jumps"
Before my season's o'er;
Then I'll join that troupe
That'll never close no more.

Dad's in the Lord's big show-shop,
Where salaries are never late—
He's just begun an indefinite run,
With never a return date.

So drop the curtain softly,
Performers, while you weep—
Kneel and pray in silence;
Dad Lucas is asleep.

THEATRICAL NEWS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

(By Geo. C. Anderson.)

The Drake and Walker Musical Comedy Co. closed a very successful week at the Gem Theater, of this city, Sunday night. The show was one of the best that has been seen in this city for a long time. All of the players were stars. At this place Mr. Drake lost two of his most promising players, Miss Hattie Malone and Mr. Charles Creath. They quit the company and got married. As this is the home of Mr. Creath, they will make their home here. The next stop of this "Fun Company De Luxe" is Louisville, Ky.

Contrary to reports, the Russel-Owens Stock Company has not disbanded, but opened the week at the Gem Theater Monday night with a very good show. In fact, it is about as good a company as played here last week. A clean show is given and the patrons are thoroughly satisfied.

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MULE AND JEANETTE BRADFORD PACKING THEM TO THE STREETS.

Mule and Jeanette are playing a return engagement at Richmond, and are setting the audiences in hysterics in their closing number.

ALEX. TOLLIVER'S BIG SHOW.

(Al. Wells.)

After playing to turn-away business the first week, we are now in our second week at the Temple Theater. Mr. J. W. Cook, the manager of the theater says this is the greatest show that ever played in this house, and has played to more business than any other show in the history of the theater. The shows that Mr. Tollixer puts out are very classic and above the average Negro production. A change of program each night keeps the crowd coming, and we wish him great success with his circus and musical extravaganza the coming season. This theater is always open to him should he at any time return to this city. He will always have the help and support of the people of New Orleans.

There was a very pretty wedding on the stage after the show Saturday night, January 8th. Arthur Williams, the well known singing comedian, was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Francis, of this city, by Rev. Pierre Laudry, D. D., successor to the late Rev. J. L. Dennis, assisted by Rev. H. H. Dunn. The bride was given away by Madam Tolliver, assisted by Luella Wells. Joddie Edwards was the best man, assisted by Charles Gaines. The bride and groom were given a grand ovation by one of the largest crowds that ever packed this theater. A very great number were turned away. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams have the congratulations of the entire company. We wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Ma and Pa Rainey send regards to Porter and Porter and Laura Smith. Pa Rainey is still on the sick list, but doing nicely.

Mrs. Wooden, the lady bicyclist, is making a flying visit to her home in Cairo, Ill. She will join us next week.

All send regards to our friends in and out of the profession.

NOTES FROM J. C. ROCHELLE S. S. S. COMPANY.

(Lawrence Glover.)

Business improved and every one is happy. We are going westward. We were visited in Corry, aP., by Mr. C. L. Erickson, of the Virginia Minstrels. He admired our show also the business we did. Lawrence Glover, wire artist, and Clark Goodley ,taber player, are still with the show. Regards to all friends of the company.

ST. LOUIS THEATRICAL NOTES.

The Smart Set at the Princess—Perrin-Crosby Company at the Booker Washington.

(By Herbert T. Headows.)

The Smart Set Company is paying its annual visit to St. Louis this week (January 9). This capable aggregation of players headed by Salem Tutt Whitney, J Homer Tutt, and Blanche Thompson is appearing at the Princess theater, one of the west-end houses that has heretofore been closed to Negroes. Not only are colored patrons being well accommodated this week, but the manager has decided to open his house to them permanently.

As to the Smart Set, the show and its members have been amply revied in The Freeman and it is sufficient to say that St. Louisans heartily agree in all the good things that have been written about them. The new vehicle "George Washington Abroad," is the best we have seen them in. It is a satisfaction to note that Mr. Whitney and his company are drawing away from low Negro burlesque and are now showing the artistic side of colored talent. This idea is an advancement toward the betterment of the stage and the performers and will stimulate a revival of interest in colored theatricals. Manager Free comes in for much praise. He has always been an exponent of the best obtainable in talent; has always insisted upon the best possible accommodation to colored patrons and his move in St. Louis means the reconsideration of the Negro in St. Louis theaters. The Smart Set is a real show of high caliber and should be greeted with crowded houses wherever it appears.

Sid Perrin and Coldy Crosby with a company of eleven performers are filling a two-weeks' engagement at the Booker Washington theater and furnishing a good show. Their programs last week and this have been principally a musical and dance review with plenty of good rich comedy. The chorus is good and special scenery and costumes are adding realism to their various acts.

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The Bussell-Owens Company disbanded here on the second, but we hear they have decided to reorganize. Most of the members are still in St. Louis.

THE "81" THEATRE, ATLANTA, GA.

The 81 Theatre is turning them away nightly, beginning with the usual 2 o'clock matinee and crowding them till 11 o'clock.

It was indeed a great Xmas for the performers in the employ of the whitest man in Georgia. Mr. Chas. P. Bailey, who so graciously gave one of finest dinners that money could buy. Of the 36 performers, all were perfectly satisfied and voted Mr. Bailey a card of thanks. Mr. Lyons Daniels was toastmaster and he made quite a hit. Speeches were made by the entire bunch.

The 81 Theatre has the best bunch of performers that have ever played this theatre, and the nightly receipts are the silent witness.

Mr. S. A. (Buddie) Austin, who is now producing for Mr. Bailey, has made himself popular by producing such shows as "Major Never Run," "Fighting Pete," "Tom Manly's Luck," "Nell From the Double Bar Ranch" and several others, all of which were a decided hit. Mr. Edward Lankford, for seven years manager of the Lyric Theatre, Kansas City, Mo., is chorus director. He is putting a medley of choruses and steps that get the people at once.

Miss Birdie Gypson is fast becoming one of the best dramatic readers in the colored profession. She uses her whole heart and soul and is quite a favorite here. Miss Lizzie Thompson, the blonde Eva Tanguay, is stopping the show with the Hesitating Blues and Midnight Cake Walk Ball.

Miss Maggie Austin, a young member of the profession, is saying and acting her line like a veteran and she is bound to come to the front.

Miss Mary Daniels, in the role of a villainess, is in a class by herself, having just the voice and the expression of a villainess. Some say it is natural for Mary. How about it, George? Miss Leola Jones is also a favorite and she is surely doing the part of June in that Western two-act drama entitled "Rattlesnake," put on by Mr. Claborn Jones, who is easily among the best comedians.

Mr. Frank De Lyons is still singing bass and as an old man character. He's the best yet. Mr. Edward Lankford has the whole city talking about him. As a villain he actually makes them hiss him.

Mr. George Stampers and his company of all-star actors are here and they made everyone take notice. He has some company, and as to singing, they really harmonize. They are known as the Broadway Strollers, a very clever bunch indeed.

Now a word about the South and its conditions: Don't pay any attention to what people say; just come on to the 81 and you wont find a better man in the world to work for than Mr. Charles Bailey.

S. A. Austin would like to hear from L. Dilla Watson, Bubber White, Raymond Reeves, Ula Jackson, M. Kelly, Sandy Burns and Jolly Davis.

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NEWS FROM WALKER'S GEORGIA ENTERTAINERS.

Special to The Freeman.

Walker's Georgia Entertainers have just closed a week's engagement at the Princess Theatre, Salina, Kans. The management is more than pleased with this attraction and wants them to play a return date. The entertainers did record breaking business for the Princess, the best this season for this house. Played Chapman, Kans., Thursday, December 30, to good business. Solomon, Friday, December 31, good business. The entertainers' Orchestra played for a ball given by the Dancing Club Wednesday night after the show. Nice crowd out and the orchestra was the best in Salina for many moons. Madame Crampton sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Alma, Kans., January 15.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

(By D. B. Barry.)

The Twelfth Avenue Theatre this week played an excellent bill. Bright & Bright, team, was a scream and was called back at each performance to thus appease the voluptuous applause of the audience. Nat Billups, the burnt-cork and monologist, went big with his act. Miss Essie Mackamore and Swiss Cavalry, Lilliputian singers and dancers, did a nice turn. George Thomas, the stage manager, in his new act, was very good. George proved that he has the same ginger in him as in the days of yore.

SCADDLE-DE-MOOCH COMEDY CO.

(By Leon H. Cormick.)

Special to The Freeman.

The company is still at the Dudley Theatre, St. Joseph, Mo., and has been greatly augmented by the voices of Messrs Walter Revels and William Glasby, who were secured from the Kibble & Martin Uncle Tom's Show. Thursday night they presented that high-class drama of old Mexico, "Castellans," in which Miss Laura Whitney Langford interpreted the leading female part with great ability. Act 2 was a 30-minute musical skit entitled "In a Turkish Harem," and it scored a big hit, keeping the audience in an uproar from start to finish. Mr. Cox "the Black Chaplin," and Mr. Glasby acted the chief comedy parts, "Ham and Eggs," with much credit. Mr. Revels was the "King." Roy Dorsey as "Pete" was a scream. Prof. Emanuel Clark, the pianist who puts color in the "Blues," and "Dude" Langford, that sensational drummer, came in for lots of applause between the acts. Leon Cormick says hello, John Berry. Prof. Clark and "Dude" send regards to Lena Marshall. Jimmie Cox sends regards to Russell Ogens' Stock Company. This company will make one-night stands soon. Tulsa, Okla., to follow.

DEWAYMAN NILES AT THE QUEEN THEATRE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

(By Jerome McDowel.)

There are some good and classy acts at the Queen this week. It was thought from the advertising matter that Prince Ali Moni, the Hindo magician, would probably be the strongest act on the bill, and the featured attraction for the week. But the Monday night's performance proved Dewayman Niles to be the favorite and headliner. Hosts of admirers are crowding there nightly to see him. Everybody declares that they have never seen a contortionist of "this type."

Carl and McGenty, a classy singing act, are good. They both have good voices.

Dewayman Niles will leave Birmingham Sunday night, January 9th, for Jackson, Miss., where he will rejoin the well known Rabbit's Foot Comedy Company, with which he has been the featured attraction for two years.

NOTES FROM DUKE DAVIS' PALMETTO AMUSEMENT CO.

Special to The Freeman.

We are still in dear old South Carolina. Business is fine. Our manager, Mr. and Mrs. Moxon, are off on a vacation. We have five shows and fifteen concessions. Believe me, Mr. and Mrs. Reed have some cook house. The ministrel show is cleaning up. Miss Mabel Tilman is singing "Wonder Where My Loving Man is Gone." It seems to make a great hit with the people.

Mr. Walter Coins is still singing his same old song, "I Love the Ladies."

Duke and Lena Davis sure have some act, not funny but good.

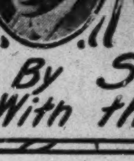
Mr. Rastus Jones and Mr. Teskire Wilson have some act. They make good everywhere.

Mrs. Johnnie Carothers is singing "The St. Louis Blues," and it is a riot everywhere.

Mr. Hosie Camp, our interlocutor, sure is some stunt man.

Prof. Adams and his ten piece band are not the best but are very good.

Duke Davis sends regards to Al Boyd. Write some time.



Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney
With the Smart Set Co.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

The Serpent.

I fear not the strength of an open foe,
And naught of contempt do I feel,
Who throws down the gauntlet and says: "Let's go."
There's a foeman worthy ones steel.

I welcome the fight from a candid foe,
There's never a doubt where he'll stand.
But who is aware how to dodge the blow
From the rock in a hidden hand.

Tis glory to vanquish an honest foe;
Defeat holds no savor of shame.
But how can one battle, I'd like to know,
'Gainst the sneak who takes friendship's name.

I fear me the man who takes friendship's art,
A snake that refuses to hiss;
Who warms himself in the glow of my heart,
Then betrays with a Judas kiss.

Who's soul is befouled by the skin of greed,
By envy and mean jealousy;
Who trades on my grace with his friendship's creed,
Is not fit for the hang-man's tree.

Physicians there are who will succor me;
And brokers who money will lend;
But God must protect from the enemy
When he takes the disguise of "Friend."

—Salem Tutt Whitney.

Are You of the Number

Who always have the hammer ready for a downward stroke?

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Who begin, punctuate and terminate each conversation with the personal pronoun "I"?

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Who's craniums are of such abnormal proportions that they refuse to acknowledge anything worth while that has not had its emination from their think-tanks?

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Who are so narrow, conceited, envious and jealous that they find it difficult to say one word in commendation of another's work if it borders upon the same lines as their own?

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Who, when asked by a manager, what they think of another's act, will say: "O, it is all right, but—." "It went big down South." "I never could see it, but you may like it"? Who keep on butting until they butt the act out of a chance to make good?

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Who sit in a theatre and watch another performer's work and offers such loud criticism that they attract the attention of those about, and make opportunity of the occasion to boost their own stock?

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Who rush back of the scenes after the performance and shower the performers with congratulations on their excellent performance, and then walk outside the theatre and say: "They ought to be arrested for drawing that punk stuff on the public?"

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Who jump their boardbills thus making it difficult for other performers to find a decent stopping place?

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Who get drunk, fight, use profane and abusive language, thus bringing the whole profession into disrepute?

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If so, don't be satisfied with turning over a new leaf; get a new book and see what a wonderful record it is possible to write thereon for the new year.

There is always room at the top, because only a few have the will, the stamnia and the courage to make the long, steep, difficult ascent before the top can be reached.

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"There's a Reason" for the decline in colored road shows. The movies must bear the greater blame, for the movies occupy most of the second-class houses where colored shows were wont to flourish. There never were but a few of the first-class houses open to our best colored shows. The movies have depressed the price of admission in the second-class houses still available to a colored show, consequently managers hesitate to make a big outlay of money necessary for a big colored production to place it on a par with the best white productions or the best of the Williams & Walker shows, because they see very little chance of getting an even break on the money invested. Even if a colored company played nightly to capacity in the second and third-class houses now available, the low prices of admission would not support a company of 50 or 60 people receiving only moderate salaries.

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There is more first-class colored talent, of every variety, now than ever before. The organizing of colored companies is a small matter. The problem is where to play them. There are not enough colored houses with adequate seating capacity and it is a hard proposition finding enough first, second and third-class houses to round out a season's work.

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Mr. Chas. E. Barton is the only manager who has had the hardihood to keep a colored company before the public. Though not quite so large numerically as the best colored shows of the past, this season the Smart Set Show equals them in every other department. Next season Mr. Barton promises to give to the public the largest, most magnificent colored company ever produced.

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The Smart Set Company broke all attendance records at the Grand Theater, Chicago, Xmas week. Three extra shows were given in a vain effort to accommodate the people clamoring for admission. Sunday night it was necessary for Manager Johnson to send in a riot call, to prevent the surging, struggling crowds from wrecking the front of his theater. It was impossible to prevent several of the glass floors in the lobby being broken. The company is booked for return date of three weeks' run in the near future.

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Miss Hattie Akers, the clever little soubrette, whose artistic work has been so thoroughly enjoyed with the company, became suddenly ill and had to remain in Chicago. The part of Moana was taken by Miss Josie Graham and enacted with much credit. It is sincerely hoped that Miss Akers will be able to rejoin the company in St. Louis.

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Miss Ora Dunlop, of the company, had to return home on account of serious illness. She will remain with her mother in Noblesville, Ind.

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It reaches us that Miss Emma Jackson has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, where she has been confined for more than two weeks.

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Miss Goldie Cisco and Miss Zulika Zernie, joined the show in Springfield and Dayton, Ohio.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

Coy Herndon, Manager.

After leaving Salt Lake City, Utah, we showed the interior of Utah for two weeks and then sailed for California. My contracts were delayed, and upon receiving them I noticed that we were to go direct to California, as expected by myself and the company, that is, the larger cities; instead our route for the holidays was some inland country. We decided to celebrate Christmas before it came. There were three good ones following each other and we were well known in all, and had made many friends from our last visit. They were Las Vegas, Goldfield and Tonopah, Nev. At Milford, Utah, I telegraphed the agent to save me two sections in the standard for the Nashville; left Milford at 9 o'clock p. m. and arrived at Las Vegas 7:40 a. m. We were met by a messenger who had invitation for the company to a dance and supper given by Miss Anita Gonales. Miss Fay of Salt Lake City was present and most of the boys knew her, so they felt more at home. Some of us forgot to ask the name of the hotel. Judging from that, you know the time we had. Off to Goldfield. We were met there by an auto to take us to the hotel for supper, as we arrived later. After the show autos were waiting to take us to the club where the Goldfield boys' password was: "Your money is counterfeit." Someone opened six bottle of champagne; where it went and who it was for and how much it cost I won't tell. Arrived in Tonopah and were met by two parties who wanted to take the students as their guests, but one called us up at 7 o'clock and the other at 10:30, so we split the party. Alabama Minstrels, I know something again, keep on and I'm going to tell. Scandal, gentlemen! The time we had there can't be written on paper; only Morgan, our piano player from Portland, Ore., who never flirts, smokes, drinks any strong drinks or swears, was out with the theater manager, and the manager was showing him how wild Goldfield was, and took him around to the different clubs to let him see a real poker game. Morgan says he did not know that a man could be so reckless with money. One fellow bet $500 on a pair of deuces on the third card around and Morgan got so nervous he said, "Mr. Knox let's go to another place." In the meantime Mr. Knox, the manager, drinks a little, and in those towns it's customary that when a man walks into a place of that kind, why, he generally says, "Let's have a little drink." Morgan drank nothing but soda water; after he had about ten or twelve sodas he said to Mr. Knox, "Don't believe I can take on any more, as I am feeling dizzy and I have to play piano for the show tonight." Some sport!

Leaving there, we jumped over a hundred miles to our old inland territory, where they come to see the students, Christmas or no Christmas. Everything went on all right until Christmas night, and then a scandal came. I was in the theater counting out change for the ticket seller, and all the boys were in the theater; that is, up by the stage, while Tolliver, the auto driver, and Finnis were seated near the door by the stove across from me. While counting the money a large man passed me, but I paid no attention to him, until I heard someone say,

"Me a bad Indian." I looked up and peeped down the barrel of a 45-Colt automatic. He looked at me and I looked at him. I smiled, but he did not, so I commenced gathering up my tickets and change. Tolliver and the driver eased out. The Mexican turned his back and I gave the place "air." In turning around from me, he cut Finnis' escape off as there was only one door. Morgan was playing the piano, but when he saw the gun he stopped. Finnis said, "The man's got a gun; play the piano." Morgan did so, and while Morgan was playing the piano to avoid looking at the gun he looked the other way, thinking that someone was trying to take the gun away; and when he did look he and the Mexican were the only ones left. I went to the depot agent and asked who the policeman was; one fellow made this remark, upon learning what was going on: "Take a club and hit him over the head and take the gun." I did, you all know, NOT! The town is at present just as it was in the days of 'forty-one—no police, and a bunch of heathens. The Christmas of 1915 will never be forgotten by the Nashville Students. The show is paying full salary for Christmas week, with nothing but two-dollar-a-day hotels; this week we lose a night but get paid just the same. We leave here, Death Valley, for Hanford December 29, 30, 31. Fresno, Cal., follows for two days, and then the big city for a few weeks. The students send regards to all. Old friends, write. 1110 Nineteenth avenue North, Seattle.

ALEXANDER TOLLIVER'S BIG SHOW.

(Al Wells.)

At this present writing we are still in New Orleans and business continues good. The show has made a decided hit in this city and all the performers have made many friends. Everybody enjoyed themselves during the holidays. Christmas was one big day and night. After dinner the bunch attended a dance, then the cabarets. It was in the wee small hours in the morning when they returned home. It was the warmest Christmas that some of us had ever seen. No wonder so many actors come here for the winter. There were a number of valuable presents given among the performers and no one was missed. Everybody got presents. On Saturday evening, the 18th, Madame Tolliver, our prima donna, arrived from Scranton, Pa., where she had gone to pay a visit to her mother. She is making a great hit here, taking three or four bows nightly. McNeal & McNeal, The Woodens, Ramsey & Brown, Eddie Lightfoot and Joddie Edwards, Arthur Williams, Susie Hawthorne and Cleo Poteet, Aaron Tolliver, Alice, Albert and Chas. Gaines, Tressie Leggs and Artie B. McGinty, The Lewis Brothers, Wells & Wells, Susie Cooksie, Willie Richerson, H. B. Howard, C. H. Coffey, Ma and Pa Rainey, Maybelle and Alexander Tolliver wish all friends in the profession a happy and prosperous New Year. The big new four-pole top has arrived and Mr. Tolliver has started to work on the big show, "The Negro Circus," and from the appearance those for Tolliver have a big surprise and a sensation for the colored race which can well be called the Barnum of the colored race. Al Wells sends regards to Great English, Bert Murphy, Tony Langton, Leon Diggs and Tom Brown. Tolliver and Chapelle, why don't you write. Box 56, New Orleans, La.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

A treat is provided patrons of Gibson's New Standard Theatre this week in a bill in which the note of joyous happiness is sustained throughout. Fanny Wise by her graceful singing of several songs and arias proves that the beauty of and fluency of her coloratura is still a thing of vitality and brilliancy. She was in much better condition vocally than when she sang here last year; her voice this week seeming as clear, sweet and resonant and as true to the pitch as it was in her golden era with Cole and Johnson's Red Moon. She was given a great ovation, being recalled a number of times each night.

Lulu Coates and her company of three young men offered a novelty in dancing, which was agreeably accepted and sang several new songs. Lulu has a shapely figure and wears stunning gowns.

Ung Wha's troupe of seven Chinese, who were versatile and talented, done some extraordinary juggling, the act terminating with a slide for life from the dome to the pit by his "pig-tail," on a wire.

Braxton and Nugent, black-faced comedians, with their humorous offerings, found a ready welcome.

Trixie Smith and Burton, two young ladies, with singing, dancing and persiflage, kept up a spirit of merriment.

The Walton Duo, musical artists, made music out of most any old thing. They varied their musical abilities with a story or two, and thus made themselves more acceptable. They deserved all of the applause they received.

A number of photoplay offerings filled in the rest of the bill.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

We are in the state of Idaho and business is good. Mr. W. H. Simpson and Luke Allen closed at Larramie, Wyo. At Cheyenne we added two more to our company, Miss Beulah Baker, soprano, and Walter DeTresvant, tenor. Both are making good.

For the past few days we have been jumping some. Three stands through Wyoming and three stands in Idaho put us just nine hundred miles in six days. We are in northwest Idaho, doing fine. All mail received is being answered. Want to enlarge band to twelve pieces.

Miss Bertha Lowe says hello to James and Addie White of the Georgia Strollers. Mr. Ben Gibson says hello to Churchill and Churchill. I received your letter and will write you soon. Earl Clendenon would like to hear from Elmer Stireman. Your letter came late, so write me again to the Freeman. Regards to J. W. Wright.

Mr. Sampson Brown sends regards to Dr. Gordon and says, "I am getting mine."

Mr. W. C. Milford has been on the sick list but is better now.

Well, we are all doing well, considering the vast change in temperature and altitude we have undergone in three or four days. Last week we were about 600 feet and temperature 60 degrees above; today, January 6, we are in 25 degrees below zero, altitude 5,900, at Moore, Idaho. More mountains to climb this week. The boys lips bursted this week—light air. Boys' pocketbooks bursted at Pocatello, Idaho. Light—well, they had a swell time. Best wishes.

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Drake and Walker offered what may be termed one of the Classiest Singing Acts in present day Vaudeville. Not alone do these clever youngsters do well whatever is assigned to them, but the manner in which they present their various accomplishments should be a lesson to the Vaudevillisi who is striving to grasp one of the top rungs in the theatrical ladder of success. Theirs is an act with refinement predominating. Stopped the show.

NEWS OF THE PLAYERS

Frank "Jap" Reed is now in Florida, enroute with Prof. Eph Williams-Silas Green Co. He sends regards to all friends.

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George Christian, euphonium and cornet player, sends regards to Joe Miller, Frank Worthey and George Motto. All mail addressed care of The Freeman will reach me safely.

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Burns & Burns is the big drawing card this week at the Columbia Theatre, Danville, Va. They were highly entertained last Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Brodnax, the proprietor of the Manhattan Cafe.

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Johnnie Woods, Minstrel Morris, Doe Doe Green, Hambone & Virginia, John Gertrude and Melba played three weeks at Queen Theatre, Chattanooga, Tenn., to capacity business. Minstrel Morris sends regards to friends. Address us in care Freeman.

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The Lincoln Harris players are having great success in the northwest with Mr. Harris' latest play, "The Deadly Drug," a dramatic gem. Some say those kind of plays won't do for colored players, but A. Lincoln is showing them different.

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Miss India B. Allen, that dashing soubrette and versatile artist, now has the distinction of being the only colored cabaret entertainer with five white artists on the bill in a white cabaret of Chicago. She is now in her second week and sends regards to the "prof." both in and out. All mail will reach her at Mrs. Sue Grundy's residence, 3157 Wabash avenue.

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The Passing Show in Washington.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

Robert Hilliard's Negroid "problem play," "The Pride of the Race," after a brief rest, during which period its plot is said to have been overhauled, is to be seen in New York City the week of January 11. It was given its premier in Buffalo, as we have stated in a previous letter, under the title above, but upon landing in Baltimore, local sentiment suggested that the element of race be made less prominent, and it was advertised as "What Became of Deegan Folk." The press there "gagged" not a little at the central idea in the plot, wherein a white woman weds a man who has in his veins a strain of Negro blood, not knowing him to be other than a pure Caucasian. The tense situation comes when the atavism of race brings to the home a child with distinctively Negroid characteristics and the woman is compelled by conventions of society to repudiate the husband, whose Negro blood has thus reappeared after a suppression for two generations or more. The arguments that lean toward "equality of races" based on the "eternal brotherhood of mankind," etc., proved a trifle too strong for audiences below the Mason and Dixon line, and the play was unable to secure a hearing at the Washington houses in the high-grade circuit to which it belongs. As a scientific study and a logical presentation of a great sociological problem, the play had elements that reached the loftiest possibilities in the drama of today. It dealt deftly with a social question, portraying prejudices without endorsing them and developing delicate situations without giving them approval. As we see it, "The Pride of Race," in its original form, is one of the greatest human documents the stage has seen. Just what changes will take place when it is placed before a New York audience will be seen later on. To a man-up-a-tree, theater-goers who can stand "Damaged Goods" with scarcely a grimace, ought to have nerve enough to sit out Robert Hilliard's chaste discussion of a race problem as old as the hills to people who see with their eyes, even if handed out through a formula new to the dramatic world.

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FREEMAN'S SPORT NEWS FROM POLE TO POLE

ALL THE LOCAL NEWS TERSE ACCURATE UP TO THE MINUTE

JESS WILLARD AND FRED FULTON WILL MEET IN NEW ORLEANS AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.

CHICAGO—The Jess Willard-Fred Fulton twenty-round fight for the heavyweight championship of the world has not been called off, as announced last week. It will be staged in New Orleans, as originally planned, and will take place during Mardi Gras week. This fact was learned today when it became known that the Porky Flynn-Fred Fulton match, scheduled for the latter part of this month, was but a means of introducing Fulton to south-rn fans. It was because Crescent City eople did not know Fultons' ability at the announcement of the post-nement was made. Fulton, of course, ll have to beat Flynn to secure the g fight, but this, it is thought, will t be hard for the Minnesota giant. Further proof of the above statement n be had from the following facts: oth fighters turned down a big offer r a ten-round fight in Milwaukee. ley also refused to meet other men shorter bouts in the east. Mike llins, Fulton's manager, has rented a tage for the winter in New Orleans l has sent for his and Fulton's fami-s.

The promoter's object in keeping ret their plan is to "build" Fulton to a point where fight fans will lerstand that he is the real challen-. Tommy Burns, who is behind the b, picked Flynn as Fulton's oppo-t in the elimination contest after ing to get Jim Coffey, Frank Moran d several better known men.

BASEBALL MACHINES, NOT THE STARS, WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The opinion has been pretty generally xpressed that the Chicago Cubs will e the strongest team in either big eague next year, because of the big collection of stars herded into the club by the combination of the Cubs and the ederal Whales. As an old baseball erver, I doubt it: Too many stars er make a great ball club.

Why did Connie Mack break up the at Athletics after their defeat by Boston Braves for the world's ampionship? It was still the best oking club in the country and a ung one. A friend of Connie's asked him this question. Many others also asked him, but Connie answered only the friend, for he talks little, especially to outsiders.

"Well, I'll tell you," replied Mack. "I had raised most of those boys and nursed them along. We had a great ball club until a lot of them began thinking they were stars. That was what beat us in the world's series against Boston. I don't want to go through the league managing a lot of prima donnas."

Tinker will be up against this problem. The great machines of baseball have been the ones put together by careful work and not by organizing a lot of stars into a ball club. Cominskey tried to buy himself a pennant last season by spending money more extravagantly and faster for stars than ever before in the history of baseball. But he could not do it. He did not have the machine, and machines win championships.

Joe Tinker will be battling with temperaments of all kinds when he gathers his flock of players together. He will pretty nearly have two good men for every position, and this abundance on't help good feeling at all. Some- will be sore. He will also have many outfielders. I predict in- trouble among the Cubs unless s quite a little house cleaning the season starts, and, if he s, he won't know which men go. Releasing players now so mean a lot of criticism. the placing of Shafer on third started the recent trouble be- Herzog and McGraw. When Herzog was first with the Giants several years ago, McGraw traded him to Boston, a scrap with McGinnity having something to do with the move. On his last visit to the Giants, Herzog got along all right until Shafer, who had been playing center field, decided to blow the team one day in the middle of the season.

"As things have turned out, it would have been a good thing if I had let Shafer go back to Los Angeles, where he wanted to go at that time," remarked McGraw the other day in discussing this incident.

But Mac chased McCormick, Shafer's roommate, down to the station to intercept the temperamental player who had bought his ticket, checked his trunk and shipped his automobile back to Los Angeles. Shafer came back and was put on third base, Herzog going to the bench. Here is Herzie's version of that story:

"Shafer had gone to college in California with Fred Snodgrass, and, when McGraw put him in center field and Snodgrass on the bench," says Herzog, "he thought he was taking his chum's job. Therefore, Shafer made up his mind to quit so as not to stand in the way of his pal. McGraw promised him if he would come back he would give him a job in the infield, so I had to be the fall guy, and I was sent to the bench."

Herzog has since been tickled to death because he was traded to return to Cincinnati and Shafer refused to return. McGraw has missed Herzog. There is no denying that. Mac himself won't.

"I am still glad Shafer ran out," declared Herzog to me the last time I saw him.

All this made trouble on the Giants. And Tinker will find the going tough for the same reasons. Nobody in the world can ever convince a veteran he is not as good as the man who has been placed in his job.

—Christy Mathewson.

HONUS WAGNER'S AMBITION.

Honus Wagner has this ambition—to swing on four more years until he is forty-five—to play in 3,000 games and to make 4,000 hits. At first notice this seems to be beyond all logic. It is beyond probability—but, after all, not impossible.

Wagner last season, in his forty-first year, played through 156 games, not missing a battle. He led the shortstops in fielding and ranged second among the shortstops of his league in batting.

He was not quite the Wagner of ten years ago, but he still was far from being through. Three more seasons will put him over the 3,000-game mark, but there is little chance that he ever will make the 735 base hits necessary to complete a 4,000 hit total. It would be beyond all reason if Wagner wasn't Wagner.

JIM CORBETT THINKS THAT HE INTRODUCED THE LEFT HOOK.

It is Jim Corbett's opinion that he was the very first man to use the famous left hook. Corbett said:

"I used the left hook before any man ever thought of it. I'll tell you how I happened to hit on the idea. I was fighting Joe Choynski. Ring history will tell you that all our bouts were the hardest ever fought. In the barge contest I had broken the knuckles of my left hand on Joe's hard head. I was taller than he was, and my left jab landed too high several times, with the result that my knuckles were fractured. I had to do some tall thinking, for Joe was as strong as a bull and coming like the wind.

"Instead of jabbing straight out from the shoulder, as I had always done, I began to turn my left hand and hit him with the inside of my closed fist. In order to make the blow effective I had to hook it in all the time, carefully avoiding a contact between his head and my sore knuckles. I was amazed at the force that I could put into the punch that had always been avoided because of the danger of injuring the large knuckle of the thumb. I finally knocked Joe out completely with it. I know that it was the beginning of the left hook."

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BATTLING JACK RUSSELL

Writes About Getting His Collar Bone Broken—Says That He is As Good As Ever.

Sporting Editor of the Freeman—Permit me to tell the promoters in the southern states that I am up again and all I want to do is to drag Johnson into the ring again. It looks as if there is no chance for me again, because Johnson and his manager are too yellow to take any chance with me. I have waited long enough on Mr. Leo Johnson and his manager to make up their mind to accept my challenge to fight me again. Now Mr. Woodmang Boston, if you think Leo Johnson is the best colored lightweight in the world why don't he match him against some of the good boys? Now, I will fight Johnson, winner to take all, or split. I will fight anybody you want me to fight. I am Johnson's master, and I am willing to prove it to the public if I can get a chance with him. I would like to meet Mr. Johnson the 20-round route in New Orleans, La., or any place. I choose New Orleans as that is the only place near where we can go the 20-round limit. It he will accept this challenge I will meet him in New Orleans in March, or any early date that he and his manager may designate.

After I have made my trip to Columbus, Ga., I will go there to look up Eddie Jordon and also Kid Monday. While there I will be on an exhibition bout with them. But the man I am after is the fellow who has a decision over me, Leo Johnson. He received the decision over me in New Orleans, and I must get it back. I had Johnson beaten from the first up to the sixth round, when I broke two small bones in my right and Johnson was given the fight, but he claimed that he had knocked me out. I have fought fifty-seven battles and I have never been knocked out by anyone. I am the same Battling Jack Russel, the world's lightweight champion. Address all mail to Montgomery A. C., Montgomery, Ala.

ARTHUR STIGALL IN RICHMOND, IND.—SHOWS CLASS IN HIS WORKOUTS.

"The Item" of Richmond, Ind., has the following to say of Arthur Stigall, who is in that city taking on engagements:

Stigall is in splendid condition, being only three pounds overweight, but he wants to be in the best possible condition when he loosens up here, so yesterday afternoon he started training and gave an exhibition before a crowd of colored rooters that showed a great improvement in form since he entered a local ring.

Gilbert Epps, Billy Tracey and other local boys put on the gloves with Stigall, and he toyed with them, showing some fancy work and holding them all off without any trouble.

It was the concensus of opinion of those who saw Arthur work last year that he has improved a lot, and is in better condition that he has ever been. Stigall fights at 135, and at present weighs but 138, so some idea may be gathered of the care he has been taking of himself. He is ready right now to enter the ring and give a good account of himself, and a bout between him and Terry Nelson should be a slashing affair, but there is no chance of that taking place until after Nelson fights Tommy Dillon on January 18 before the Quaker City Athletic Club.

In the meantime Benson is making every effort to secure a faster boy than Nelson to stack up against Stigall, and little Arthur says that Benson can not get anybody in this part of the country fast enough to keep him warm.

There is no doubt but that Stigall is in fine form. In his workout yesterday he was as quick as a flash and toyed with those who faced him. His muscles appeared to quiver for work, but he could not loosen up against the amateurs that stood up against him, and he worked under a leasch.

GEORGES CARPENTIER WILL RETIRE.

Had Become Idol of France—Seriously Mentioned to Meet Jack Johnson.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Georges Carpentier, the famous French heavyweight, is going to retire from the ring.

The boxing idol of France has announced that he would take up aviation immediately after the war.

The great fighter started to learn flying in the air shortly after the war broke out. Since then he has performed wonderful feats. Only a few weeks ago he was decorated with the military cross for especial work of valor.

The retirement of Carpentier will be a big loss to the ring. He was rapidly reaching the top of the ladder in the pugilistic world when the war started. In fact, he was all but matched to fight Jack Johnson for the world title.

LES D'ARCY, AUSTRALIAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMP, WILL MEET KNOCKOUT BROWN.

CHICAGO, January 8.—Les D'Arcy, Australian middleweight champion, will mix January 15 with George (Knockout) Brown, of Chicago, at Sydney, Australia, according to a letter from Brown received in Chicago today. Eddie McGoorty, Jimmy Clabby, Billy Murray and Jeff Smith all have had a trial against the Australian phenom and were beaten. Though not generally considered as clever as McGoorty, Brown is a tough proposition to knock out. Freddie Gilmore, the local welterweight star, will mix tonight at Sydney with Tommy Wrenn, Australian champion in that class. Snowy Baker is promoting the bouts. Gilmore wrote friends in Chicago that the Sydney fight fans are thirty-third degree bugs.

KANSAS HAS MORE CHAMPION HORSESHOE PITCHERS THAN ANY OTHER STATE.

TOPEKA, Kas.—Kansas lays claim to being the home of champions in many branches, but apparently the state has more champion horseshoe pitchers than any other state in our present peaceful country.

Three world's championship pitching matches have been held within the state's borders in the last few months and efforts are being made, it has been announced, to arrange for a fourth. A. E. Hollingsworth has sent forth a challenge to the world from Quenemo, Kas. Hollingsworth, in his challenge, asserts that he defeated the champion flinger, at Kansas City, six straight games last month. Hollingsworth has the unique record of never having lost a horseshoe pitching contest, which is some record.

BATTLING JACK RUSSELL, THE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP, SAYS PETER JAMES, HIS MANAGER.

Sporting Editor of The Freeman—I, Peter James, the manager of Battling Jack Russell, the world's best pugilist, am willing to lay coin down on it. I would like for you to issue this challenge in your paper that Little Arthur Stigall is not the undisputed champion of the world because he was to fight Russell in Tulsa, Okla., on July 4, 1915, for the undisputed championship of the world. But they were not matched so now I would like for some promoter to call for these three boys. They are Leo Johnson, Little Arthur Stigall and Battling Jack Russell. These three boys are the best lightweight fighters in the world, white or black. Call them together and let them fight for the colored lightweight championship of the world, and then we all will know who is and who is not the champion of the world.

Russell has fought fifty-eight battles and has never been knocked out by anyone in the lightweight class. I am willing to bring Russell any place in the world to fight any lightweight, no matter if it is Freddie Welsh, Willie Ritchie or anyone. Russell has never side stepped anyone. I have a boy who never stalls, but fights from gong to gong. Address all mail to Peter James, manager of Battling Jack Russell, the world's lightweight champion, Montgomery A. C., Montgomery, Ala.

WISHES TO KNOW THE ADDRESS OF MOSES FINNEY.

Would like to know the address of Moses Finney, known as Kid Finney. Home supposed to be in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Albert Prince, Honolulu, H. I., Schofield Barracks, Co. E, 25th Inf.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Jamaica Kid, the fast welterweight, who claims the welterweight championship of the world by whipping Gorilla Jones, who claims the title, Jamaica is now considered the welterweight champion of the world. Gorilla had whipped all the boys in his class until he fought Jamaica Kid in Bogolousa, La., where he was defeated in the fifteenth round, and was rematched with Jamaica in McElroy, La., where Jamaica was awarded the decision in the twentieth round, after knocking Gorilla down five times. The referee wanted to stop the fight, but Gorilla was game and managed to stay the limit. Gorilla took the title from Eddie Palmer in a twenty-round contest at the Orleans Athletic Club. Eddie had whipped such boys as Willie Langford, Kyle Whitney, One-Round Charlie and Young Jack Johnson. He knocked out Willie Langford at Tulane Athletic Club in the fourteenth round, also was awarded the decision over Kyle Whitney in twenty rounds. Gorilla Jones knocked out Kyle Whitney in McElroy, La., in the eighteenth round, which was to have been a twenty-round contest, also beat Young Jack Johnson at Madison Square Garden in New Orleans. Now here comes Jamaica who, by whipping Gorilla in two battles, is now claiming the welterweight championship. He is open to all comers at 158 pounds. He is under the management of Kid Green, South Rampart and Lafayette streets, New Orleans, La., and can be reached at that address.

CHALLENGE.

K. O. Grant, of Cuba, challenges any man in the world at from 133 to 135 pounds. Grant would like to meet Leo Johnson or Little Arthur Stiggal. Promoters and matchmakers can send all communications to Frank Grant, 634 Bryant Street, Savannah, Ga.

KID FIELDS, FORMER COLORED FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION, TALKING IT OVER.

In looking over the present-day championship bouts I find they are very much inferior to those of former days. The champions are a bunch of dodgers, and the promoters are in too big a hurry to get the change. A promoter should never match a champion with a novice. The challenger should be a boxer of wide reputation. The public should not allow a champion to make his own matches, for it is natural he will pick soft marks. He is not to be blamed for that, for half of the champs are cowards and do not care to meet a real fighter. In Peter Jackson's day he fought any man the public demanded as did John L. Sullivan, Fitsimmons, Joe Gans and many others I know of. Size don't make any difference when challenger is a fighter of the first type and he is a champion maybe. For that reason I think Jack Dillon is the most logical opponent for Jess Willard among the whitehopes and Harry Wills among the Coloredhopes. As far as Fred Fulton is concerned he never beat a good man in his career. Harry Wills, Tom Couler, Frank Moran or Jim Coffey can beat Fulton. They have been before the public longer and are better liked by the public. If either of the above mentioned were to fight Willard instead of Fulton the box receipts would be much larger. So lets pull for our home boy, Jack Dillon.

KID FIELDS.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Mexican Kid and Harry Cook fought one of the most sensational and hardest fought draws ever seen in Kansas City, Mo. The Mexican Kid has met and defeated all the best boys in and around Kansas City. He is open to meet any boy in the world at 124 to 133 pounds. Address all mail to James Ewing, manager Mexican Kid, 1835 Locust St.

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Chink Sattinger, Hawaiian claimant of the featherweight title, is in Indianapolis with a chip on his shoulder for any of the local boys in his class. He is especially anxious to meet Jimmie Dalton.

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NEW YORK, January 8.—Mike Ertle, 110-pound brother of Johnny Ertle, knocked out Johnny Railley in the first round of their fight at the Harlem Sporting Club.

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Kid Snead would like to meet some good welterweight—Lew Williams or One-Round Sylvester preferred. Write Kid Phillips, 219 West Green Street, Louisville, Ky.

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NEW YORK, January 8.—Governor Whitman today was understood to oppose Fred Wenck, boxing commissioner's move to allow decisions in New York's ten-round fights. That seemed to settle it, as the Governor has the last word. Opinion generally seemed opposed to Wenck on the ground that freak championships would result from short bouts.

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BUFFALO, January 8.—Milburn Saylor, introduced as the Indianapolis Tornado, failed to prove even a zephyr in his ten-round battle with Jimmy Duffy, of Lockport, last night. Duffy won on points with scarcely the loss of a round.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St., Phone Haskell 6956.)

By Col. J. G. Griffin and His Boys.

Mr. J. H. Hudson, of Oklahoma City, returned there after spending several days here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jake Word, 3009 Thomas avenue.

Mrs. E. E. Orman is at home after a pleasant holiday stay and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Campbell and family, of San Antonio.

The name of little Dock Zimerson, the barber, should go into the records as being one of the oldest Freeman readers around and about Dallas, Tex.

Learn to treat your colored patrons right, Mr. and Mrs. Colored Merchants. Everywhere we hear these complaints.

Mrs. Sally Streety is back from Marshall.

Mother Turner is visiting her daughters in Marshall for an indefinite stay.

Treat the colored men and women politely as you do others, if they will let you do so. Then go just one better and be courteous.

The leap year club is being framed up.

Mr. Sid Boldon, Captain Thomas Cole, Mr. J. W. Wilson have been roughly handled by lagrippe, but are on their ups now.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Grice have sold out and gone to Kansas City, Mo., to live.

Rev. C. A. Bryant made a visit to his flock here and preached and departed to other fields that were more genial to him, we are informed.

Mr. Fred Alexander and Miss Della Snipes, of Oklahoma City, who were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ward, were married here and departed for Austin, Tex., the past week.

Miss Ada Haywood and Miss Garfield Humphrey, of Oklahoma City, were the guests of honor at the Ward residence, 3009 Thomas avenue.

The Poll Tax League held a most interesting meeting last Tuesday night in the interest of colored voters of Dallas paying their poll tax. Several short talks were made and a lively campaign was launched to get all interested men, old and young, to have a receipt that will permit them to vote in all the coming elections, from the President of the United States down. Chairman Dixson and his various coworkers are all busily engaged in this work for a much larger success this year.

The new Frazier hotel is now located at the corner of Boll and North Central avenue. Everything new. You are cordially invited to call and inspect their new quarters at any time.

The new Pythian Temple here of that matchless order of the K. of P. of Texas is steadily being completed and will soon be finished for occupancy for the branches of Texas. Have you seen it? It is the most talked of structure by the race regardless. Your inspection is invited.

We have a large number of gas burners of both sexes in Dallas, so be careful with your matches. It's leap year now and all the preachers have rush orders at the knot tying, day or night.

Mrs. Ida Watts, of Terrell, returned to her home after a week's visit here with her cousin, Mr. Case Watts and family, 2625 Trinidad street.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lamm Jones was burned last Monday night. It was covered by insurance.

Cupid is in the lead here, while Old Crimp is in the limelight and the wood and coal dealers are having their annual harvest.

Mrs. Willie Mae Kennedy is at home after a short visit to her mother, at Rockdale, Texas.

Bro. McJunkin Steel, the Frogtown sweet singer, is there when it comes to singing.

A fuse and a five gallon can of gasoline was discovered by Messrs. Dr. Dodd Cooper and others last Monday night which would have caused the home and store of Mr. H. W. Scott, the cash grocer, to have gone up in flames had they not found it burning and put it out. They notified Mr. Scott and the authorities, who are now working on the case. The can is their only cause for such a diabolical frame up on mies and is at a loss to know the cause for such a biabolical frame up on his business and the lives of his whole family in such a manner. He is selling for cash just the same and at the same place. He owns the store and land and in a colored neighborhood, 3019 State street.

Mr. Frank Mullin is back from an urgent call to Muskogee, Okla., last week in the interest of some estate left by an uncle who died some time ago. He expressed himself as being very well pleased at the condition of affairs as they were shown to him while there.

Thanks to Mr. Joe Lundy for stein.

Mr. Clinton Washington, the expert car driver and repairer, of this city, left for New York City last Tuesday to take charge of the cars of Mr. J. Howard Ardry, the banker, formerly of this city. The friends of Mr. Washington here wish him the best of good wishes and success in his new field of labor. May he ever be mindful and go up to the very top in his chosen profession.

January 12 marked another new era to our people's progress in this city, by Rev. S. E. J. Watson, pastor at Macedonia Baptist church, where an up-to-date reading room has been installed with all the late books, magazines, newspapers and where one can study. The populace of the metropolis say long may the serviceable life be that of Rev. S. E. J. Watson.

Mrs. M. Henry is back home accompanied by her niece, Miss Willie Green, who will be her home guest for a while, 827 North Allen street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Swartz Cooper are having a rent house built on their queen city property.

The Star, the Mammoth, the Park and Grand Central theaters all have high grade moving pictures and boxing is a coming feature, if not overdone by those who are after the coin. The colored pugs have proven great drawing cards for both races and every bout has been largely attended here. The grafters have not had a chance as yet.

Mr. Luther B. McCoy and his famous quartet have been very busy—Steele, Coleman, Raines and McCoy. Some singers.

Now is the time to renew your subscription. See me or phone Haskell 6956.

Mr. W. Brackin, who visited his brother and family at Hubbard, Tex., returned home over the overland route, bringing his wife a fine horse this week. He reports his brother and family very well owing to his wife's poor health.

If you fail to get the Freeman, look up J. G. Griffin and he will see that it's in your home if paid for. O. K. Peaches.

McDONALD (PA.) NEWS.

Sunday morning and evening we listened to two elegant sermons preached by our pastor, the Rev. G. E. Sallie.

Monday, January 10, we shall start a week of prayer. The meeting will be opened by different auxiliaries of the church.

A lovely surprise was given in honor of our ex-superintendent, Mr. Sandy Alston, Friday evening, January 7. Singing and games were the diversions of the evening and at a reasonable hour a delicious lunch was served. The hostesses being the Misses Ida Bell Hawey, Josephine Browning and Mrs. Shelby Oakley. Mr. Alston was the recipient of many beautiful and handsome gifts. The guests numbered thirty-eight Sunday school scholars and at a timely hour the guests departed all reporting having a fine time and hoping Mr. Alston would soon fill th position as superintendent again.

Mr. Arnold Lynch visited his cousin, Mrs. Robt. Tweedy, of Rankin, Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Kemp, of Reissing, was severly burned Friday evening while standing in front of an open grate getting warmed. Her dress caught fire and she ran outside trying to put the blaze out. She was taken to the Mercy hospital, where she is expected to recover.

The Misses Mae Lewis, Josephine Browning, Mrs. Shelby Oakley and Miss Maude Redd went out motoring Sunday about ten miles in the country.

Mrs. Mary Beard and Miss Maude Redd visited the latter's cousin, little Miss Zelma Straiter, who is a patient in the Allegheny general hospital and who underwent an operation Thursday morning. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Hannah Anderson is on the sick list, but is improving.

Mr. Charles Johnston, formerly of this place, but now of Pittsburgh, visited his aunt, Mrs. W. Anderson, Friday.

WEST BADEN SPRINGS.

(By Ed Rogers.)

Tuberculosis, from which he had suffered two years, claimed Lewis Brown, thirty years of age. Brown was well known in West Baden, and had worked in the capacity as waiter in the Springs Hotel. He was also well liked, always having a smile for every one. His home was in Rockport, Maryland, but is seemed that he couldn't get a hearing from any of his relatives. He was buried on the burying grounds near French Lick, and his funeral was held from the Sebree residence. There was quite a number of memorial sayings rendered by three of West Baden and French List astors.

Mrs. Jessie Bell and her husband James had a quarrel New Years' Night which nearly ended in death for James. There is no clue to the trouble, but James received two bullets, one in the hip and the other in the head. It was thought he would not recover, as one bullet entered near the temple, however he is up now and we hope they will make up. Such is life where there is a revolver in reach.

The Colored people of West Baden thank Mr. Oscar Miller (white) Secretary of the School Board, for his effort in not allowing French Lick School Board to take possession of the high school. The way I understand it West Baden would have to furnish $10,000 and the school would have to be controlled by the French Lick Board. This would be detrimental to the Colored high school children of West Baden since they have separate schools at French Lick. The board could'nt afford equal rights, especially in manual training. Mr. Miller has long been a friend to the Colored people in and around the valley, and we shall be glad when we can give him our support on a political ticket.

Mr. Lee W. Sinclair, owner of the West Baden Hotel, who has been quite a friend to the Colored people in and around Orange county, is still active and strong. Ed Rogers, your corresponding is still holding down the position as nurse for Mr. Sinclair. We are all raying for you "Bos," as he is commonly called.

NAVASOTA, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

From our city during 1915, the Grim Reaper Death has taken the following persons: Mr. Henry McKinney, one of our best and wealthiest citizens; Mrs. Mary Brown, a mother and pillar in the M. E. church here; Mrs. Maggie Jackson, an excellent woman; Mr. George Henderson, Mr. Simon White, a respected citizen; Mrs. Ernestine (Constant) Johnson, a former teacher in our city high school, and Miss Velma White, a teacher and most exemplary young lady. -- Mrs. Caroline Teague has rebuilt and beautified her home and premises. -- Mr. James Travis has rebuilt his house, making it two stories, decorating it lavishly, adorning the premises with cement walks and installing electric lights and other modern conveniences. Mr. Travis owns and operates one of the best carriage and machine shops in this city. May we not thus see many improve their homes during 1916? Let improvement of this kind ever be the watchword among our people. -- Mrs. E. M. Neal agent of the Freeman here, expects her son, R. C. Neal, to graduate soon from the College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Her other son, A. G. Neal, is taking a course here and is proving himself to be an excellent young man.

HAMILTON (OHIO) NEWS.

(By Herbert Parks.)

The new year has begun and many resolutions have been made by colored citizens of Hamilton.

Mrs. Katie Hogan has been improving very rapidly and the good news is welcomed by her many friends.

Mrs. Shirley White is on the sick list.

Miss Anna Georgia and Master Clifford Williams are out of school on account of sickness.

The program at Payne A. M. E. church during Xmas holidays was quite a success, and was due to Mr. and Mrs. V. Fox and assistants' efforts. The quartet was exceptionally good and should be appreciated highly.

At a meeting of the Colored Citizens' Protective Association at the home of R. B. Mosely, 109 North Fourth street, the following officers were elected: President, R. B. Mosely; vice-president, George Kinley; secretary, George Allread; financial secretary, C. F. Hogan; treasurer, C. S. Dyson; chaplain, John C. Spikes; master at arms, Herman Long. With a few minor changes the constitution was accepted. The new organization is showing rapid growth and new members are being admitted constantly.

The Freeman is for sale by Herbert Park, Bell Phone 653.

NEWS OF GULFPORT, MISS.

Little Jack Hardin, the veteran bellman, is making his first season as head bellman of the Great Southern hotel, where he has been located for the past four years. He has with him some of the best bellmen in the country and is assisted by Alfred Mitchell, the head bellman of last season. Mr. Mitchell arrived in Gulfport January 2 with three of his best boys, Messrs. Sidney McLong, of Baton Rouge, La., and Earl Trusclair and Louis Mayer, of New Orleans, La. Capt. Geo. Bovligny and Capt. Henry Mack spared no pains in making things pleasant for their former head bellman. From the depot they were rushed out to Hans Bar, Miss., in a touring car, where they spent the evening and enjoyed a great cabaret dance. Fifteen minutes before the dance closed Mr. Claude Melanson spoke to all the bellmen on the subject of better service. A silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Mitchell by the bellmen, Messrs. E. Trusclair, S. McLong, W. Heard, L. Mayer, Q. Phillips, L. Gifford, A. J. Sims, Capt. H. Mack and Capt. Geo. Bovligny Master of ceremonies, Mr. Edward Nicholis. These boys are all proud of their new head bellman and old Mitchell is very proud of his new job as head porter. Mr. Mitchell was formerly head porter of the Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, La. Regards to Homer Winbush, Jos. Rivers, star bellmen of Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.

(By Hady Stoner.)

Miss Aminta Beeler, of Fifth street, entertained Mr. Silas Shaffer and Mr. Edward Cummins.

Mrs. C. Walls, of Pinkstaff, Ill., after spending the Christmas holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Thos. H. Stoner, of Hodges Park, on her return to Pinkstaff she and Mrs. Thos. Stoner stopped over in Murphysboro, and where the guests of Mrs. G. W. Stoner, of Fifth and Bridge streets. Mrs. Thos. H. Stoner is also visiting her sister, Mrs. Hattie Finch, of 25 Dewey street.

Miss Myrtle Ward, of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., was a visitor of Douglass school Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Estel Trotman, of St. Clair school, Galatia, Ill., was a visitor Monday morning also.

Those on the sick list are: Mrs. Sara Lee, of Grant street ;Mrs. Mattie Bates, of Bridge street and Mr. McKinly Crawford, of Dewey street.

The Freeman is sold at Fifth and Bridge streets.

WHEN A MAN MARRIES.

His bachelor friends are about equally divided in thinking that he is a nut or a mighty fortunate gink.

His wife's relatives plan to visit them during the county fair or the automobile show.

His own relatives plan to give his wife a good talking to if she proves to be extravagant.

His neighbors hope that he will prove to be good at bridge and that his wife will throw as many teas as the rest of them.

His boss wonders how he can do it on the salary he is getting, but does not increase it.

His wife wonders why it is that a little house takes so much time to look after.

While a man himself is so excited all the time that he nearly loses his job—and doesn't realize it.—Indianapolis Star.

ECHO OF SLAVERY DAYS.

Show your children how our race was bought and sold like animals. Read this advertisement: "For Sale—A stout, healthy, active Negro wench," a facsimile of one of the advertisements in the old Ulster County Gazette, dated January 4, 1800. Contains death and funeral of George Washington and news matter of 116 years ago. This is quite a curiosity and of interest to school children. Will sell for dollars in the near future. The few remaining copies faded, but in good readable conditions. Mailed in sealed envelope for only six two cent stamps per copy. Address F. Van Buren, 320 Fifteenth street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Mr. George G. Simmons, of The Freeman composing room, is taking a few days' vacation in Charleston, Ind.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS TO COLORED ORPHAN HOME.

To the Editor of The Freeman:

The board of managers of the Colored Orphans' Home wish through your paper to thank the societies and individuals who so kindly remembered the children at holiday time.

The Lemper Fidelis Club, oranges; the Golden Leaf Club, apples; the Needle Craft Club, candy; Mrs. Mays, for Bethel M. E. C. E., candy, books and games; Thurman W. C. T. U., apples, cakes and candy; Colored Y. M. C. A., check for $3.10; Mr. H. L. Sanders, coats for boys.

If any name has been omitted it was unintentional. We thank each and all who contributed to the pleasure of the children.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,
MRS. A. R. TAYLOR.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

Madame Meadows had a very large crowd Monday night, consisting of both white and Colored people. Her text Monday night was "Christ's Cricifixion" and the subject was of Solomon's, and explain hard questions to Solomon. She gave seventy-three messages from the past and all were recognized. She makes everyone welcome at her meeting, which is held every Monday night from 8:30 to 10:30.

CREAM CITY NEWS.

(By H. Jones.)

Mme. E. Axelia Hackley gave a concert at St. Marks A. M. E. Church Monday evening, Dec. 20th, in vocal and recitations, to a very appreciative audience. Several well rendered selections were heard. The Madame will also give a few lessons while she is here and will start a school in the near future in this city.

The well-known producer, Mr. Jerry Mills, was seen in the city last week.

Mr. Tenny Blunt also paid us a visit during the holidays.

Mr. Arlie Simmons has not been seen since the first cold night. A committee will look for him this week.

Mr. Wm. A. Wirth, society dancing master, proves to be a friend to the Colored race. He has a Colored orchestra to play for his classes. He also spends an off evening at the Wellard Dancing School teaching the late dances to a number of the Colored pupils. Mr. Wirth, formerly of auditorium, opened with East Side Hall Saturday evening with much comments on his Colored orchestra, consisting of the well known artists, Prof. W. E. Barbour, violin; Ed Dotty, piano; Frank Harris, drum; Harvey Holland, trombone ;You Tellit, flute. Mr. Wirth mentioned incidental calls he has received over his phone since he has had the Colored boys, asking him who were playing for his classes. When he would tell them the Colored boys they would say: "Well when you get rid of them we will be over and dance." Then he would ask different patrons, one after the other, how they liked the Colored orchestra? They remarked they were pleased with them and that they played the best dance music they had even heard. Several claimed they only came to hear the good ragtime music. Mr. Wirth solved the problem of the white musicians who envied the Colored boys, but pretended to be his patrons, over the phone. If more people would use this motto in not considering telephone calls when it comes to real business there would be more harmony. Because you can't always tell who is on the other end of the line.

The automobile show at the auditorium this week is employing a number of Colored boys. Several are used to demonstrate.

ALTON, ILL., NEWS.

(By Pearl Curtis.)

Mrs. Mary Comly entertained at her residence Friday evening in honor of Miss Minnie Bibb, who will depart for home in Iowa Sunday.

Mrs. Cockdale and Mrs. Williamson, of St. Louis, Mo., were the guests of Mrs. Carrie Hopson Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. C. V. Adams entertained at whist Friday evening, in honor of her son, John Quincy, who will leave Sunday for Springfield, Ill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams on January 7th a son.

Miss Arbuckle spent Wednesday with relatives at Piasa, Ill.

The funeral of Mrs. Adaline Samuels was held Sunday at North Side A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. W. Tiff officiating.

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MAYFIELD, KY., NEWS.

(By Luray Mae Galbretah.)

Golden Star Tabernacle No. 29 met at lodge rooms and transacted business. Further reports will be announced later.

Miss Etta Wilson will leave Tuesday for Paris, Tenn., to attend the Fitch-Murray wedding, which takes place on Thursday evening.

Miss Aline Harris is sick at her home on East Water street.

The sick list is as follows: Mrs. Pink Baaz, pneumonia; Mr. Joe Jackson, Bright disease; Mrs. Luna Curd, grippe; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, lagrippe; Little Miss Louise Crowder, diptheria; Mrs. Minnie Biggess, lagrippe; Mrs. Atkins Lander, lagrippe, and Mr. Scott Prichard, lagrippe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Ross, a fourteen pound girl. Mother and daughter are doing nicely at this writing.

Call 325 for the Freeman.

Miss Lida Douglas leaves this week for Nashville, Tenn.

A surprise party was given on Mr. A. F. Hale, teacher in the city school, by his scholars. Those present were Misses Baby Ruth Smith, Luray Mae Galbreath, Mabel Deadman, Cassie Peeler, Katie McFarland, Daisy Sherfield, Messrs John Walter Wilkerson, Charles Avery Dowdy, Frank Galbreath, Delka Dowdy, Stuart Andrews, George Hale and James Keys. All reported a good time.

Read the Freeman. Have race pride.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smothers, a ten pound baby. All reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Lillian Hale has returned from a visit in Paducah during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Odie Clark has returned from visiting his mother at Milan, Tenn.

Have race pride and get the Freeman.

Miss Sadie Beadles is agent for Madame Gunn's hair grower.

Miss Mayme Hale left Monday for a visit in Biloxi, Miss.

We are looking forward to another recital fro S. Coleridge Taylor Choral Club soon. Mrs. A. I. Green is president.

Miss Eva Sherrels and Mr. Ralph Hendon were quietly married last Monday evening at the home of the bride on Dunbar street.

A surprise party was given Miss Margaret Hale at her home in the "West Inn." Those present were Mesdames Prudye Vance, Ida Hale, Mary Boaz, Misses Annie Mae Jones, Etta and Roxie Vance, Patty and Rose Sanford, Dora and Sabie Beadles, Lunette Hale, Leona Hale, Messrs. George Biggers, Otto Beadles, Charley Hale, Carl Brooks, Adelbert Hale, Milton Moore and Walter Hale. All reported a good time.

Mrs. Jordan Moore, trained nurse of this city, was called to Dawson Spring, Ky.

"Cupid" is still shooting darts. Watch the Freeman.

Organiaztion meeting of Womens' Club, of which Miss Margaret Hale is president, will meet Monday afternoon, January 17th, at her home at the "West Inn." All members are urged to be present.

Miss Lue Hopkins is slightly indisposed this week.

Read the Freeman and keep posted about cupid, etc.

Some are wise; some are otherwise.

Patronize W. E. Cox, the Colored undertaker and embalmer. Office over Colored pool room on West Broadway.

NOTES OF CORSICANA, TEXAS.

(By Jas. Shaw.)

Miss Corine Harne, a charming young lady of Bryan, Tex., has been putting in a delightful visit here. She has been lavishly entertained by friends, old and new, in the social sets of Corsicana. She expresses herself as having had the time of her life. She was a house guest of the Blugh girls. She made a most favorable impression upon all with whom she came into contact; a way most belles have who hail from the South.

Ben Morgan, a promising young lad, is making a signal success of his tailor shop in the business district of the city. He is brought into the direct competition with the best white shops, but is holding his own, both as to the work and the patronage attracted. His custom embraces white and black.

If you want to read the news of importance from far and near, or from here to the end of the world, read the Freeman. If you have any news that you want your friends in Jerusalem or anywhere to read, see Shaw. He will write you up.

Old Crimp, the mighty man, who hath no respect of person, rich or poor, held several at bay this winter. Your correspondent was in the bunch and pleaded so that he was left with a couple of frosted heels.

We want one hundred people to subscribe for the Freeman. Roy Gray will deliver them at your door, but please have your jitney ready.

Mrs. Annie Miller and daughters and Mrs. Jas. Shaw visited Ennis, Tex., last week.

John Mullen, Jerry Benjamin, Robert Benjamin and John Freeman visited Ennis last week.

Fat Pappy Hardiman and Daddy Graham still hold their own as tonsorial artists.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

The Cheyenne people appreciated the interest manifested by the Rawlins people. We can say we eagerly look for their notes in the paper every week.

The members of the A. M. E. Church gave a pound party for their minister on Christmas Eve.

Word has been received here that the wedding of Miss Minnie Cave to Mr. Chauncey Herndon will take place January 4th. Miss Cave is a former Cheyenne girl, and all here are greatly interested in her approaching marriage.

The home of Mr. H. C. Jefferson was opened with its usual hospitality to a few friends to eat Christmas dinner. A delicious five course dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Al Taylor and daughter Thelma and Miss Sallie Thestle.

Mrs. Wm. Witt extended her gracious hospitality at her quarters, at Fort Russel, to a number of Cheyenne and Post friends. The table was artistically decorated in the Christmas decorations, and a huge snowball formed the center piece. A lovely five course dinner was served to Mrs. Pryor, Miss Stuart, Miss Thistle, Messrs. Will Robinett and Dazell.

The children of the A. M .E. Church held their program Christmas Eve in the church parlors. The children did excellent work, and are to be commended on their program. The exercise of the Baptist Sunday school was held Sunday, and the youngsters did themselves credit.

Mrs. W. H. Hudson entertained very charmingly at a Christmas dinner. Those present were Mr. G. S. Stacker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tluker are both very ill with lagrippe.

DELTA METROPOLIS.

(By Lee A. Motley, Jr.)

Special.

GREENWOOD, Miss.—Mr. Arus Felt, of Jackson, Miss., passed through on the 8th on his way further down in the delta, of his old friends. They were glad to see him.

It was rumored that Mr. Pheland Dorsey formerly of this place, came down from Clarksdale, Miss., and spent four or five hours. Wouldn't let many see him. He was somewhat keen.

Every dancing boy and girl is preparing for the big masquerade and leap year ball given by the Bix Six Orchestra, Monday night, January 17th, at Buffington's hall.

Mr. Elmer Scales of Detroit Mich is spending uqite a pleasant time at home with his mother at their home onGeorge Street.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73, will meet in regular session Thursday evening, January 20th.

Paul Atkins, James Stewart, Charles Stery, J. R. Holmes are on the sick list.

Miss Mary Mashel, of Wheeling, W. Va., was called to the city on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Will Thomas of East Wood St.

The Baptist Believers at stop 26 will hold services Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Rev. W. H. Johnson will officiate. All welcome.

George Woods is able to be out after ten days of illness.

J. H. Robson is still in the house.

CIGAR FACTORY ENLARGES.

The Rauch Cigar Co., makers of the famous Hoosier Poet Cigar, has put in operation its new factory in West New York street, with twenty-five employes, which the company expects to increase to 150 within a short time. Eddie Rauch is president of the company.

THE SPIRIT OF TUSKEGEE

....How Teachers, Students and Neighbors took Dr. Washington's Death....

(By Clement Richardson, Head of the Division of English, Tuskegee Institute.)

In one sense Tuskegee was in no way surprised at the death of Dr. Washington. Indeed, had he fallen two or three years ago many of us could have said, alas! it is what we have been expecting.

Had not the trustees urged and almost ordered him to rest? Had they not assumed the personal responsibility for a certain portion of the funds necessary to keep the wheels of the institution oiled that his burdens might be lighter? Had not a nurse from Battle Creek traveled with him for a time, prescribing and preparing special diet, and giving him various treatments? Again and again at home had not his physician put him into bed and ordered him to remain there?

What were these reports of collapses in Chicago, in South Bend and other places to which he was journeying to fill engagements, but the palpable sign that his end was surely approaching? Then, one evening about two years ago, who can forget how, having got out of his bed to address the students at an Armstrong memorial exercise, he made his way out into the ante-room and gave way completely?

Add now to this the experience we had during the last six months. When school closed last May he seemed a worn-out man, having striven to close the year free of debt. In a little while he went North and sailed away to Canadian waters to rejuvenate; but no rejuvenation came. For all that he went on to Boston and conducted the National Negro Business League, of which he was president and founder.

Then it appeared that of a certainty all was over somewhere. In the North he lay prostrate, his whereabouts save to a very few uncertain. He had reached the point where he received no mail, not even a telegram, which for him was amazing, for by letter and by telegram he was in the habit of keeping his finger on every pulse in Tuskegee Institute regardless of time or place or circumstance. Then all of a sudden he appeared in the Negro National Baptist Convention at Chicago, where he was listed for an address. A few days later he was at home, a little emaciated, but not so alarming to look upon. Once more there was a siege of pain, a stubborn refusal of the stomach to accept nourishment, several sleepless nights. Again, however, he rebounded and was off to Mobile for a few days' fishing. When he returned he seemed a new man.

With such perpetual rallying power who could cope? A talent feeling crept among many that he was immune to pain, as he had been to insult and abuse. You know he could steer on over an insult and never see it. Some of us shook our heads and said, "Why he is good for ten years yet." Seeing that he thus defied nerves and baffled pain, we hoped. It was in the hour of hope that the last stroke came, and we felt that pulling at the throat which we should have felt had he gone by sudden accident.

How Tuskegee took Dr. Washington's death can probably best be appreciated by an account of what his life meant among his teachers. Officially he was a stern and exacting task master. A tireless worker himself, he imposed heavy tasks upon others. In the home, however, he had a genius for cheering by little kindnesses and by a thoughtful word. Now he would send around a basket of vegetables from his garden, now a cut of one of his pigs which he had killed and in which he took great delight.

People who sent books and pictures to Tuskegee can hardly realize what a double pleasure they were shipping; the pleasure they gave him and others through him. He would have the boxes opened and books and pictures brought in to his office. Then from all his heaps of correspondence, from business of national importance, he would turn aside and go through these himself, culling them out. He would sort a pile here for this family; one there for another, according to what he considered would suit each. Many a time one could scarcely find a place to step in his office for the pictures and books. In all things he received, but to share.

Then he had a way of kicking organizations to pieces for a few minutes. If some rural school had a creditable exhibit he would order that the senior class, 150 strong, should be taken there whether it was one mile or ten miles away. He would order the classes out to see how some poor, illiterate farmer had raised a bumper crop of peas, corn, sugar cane and peanuts, how he surrounded himself with conveniences, both inside and outside the home. Now he would declare a half holiday; now he would allow the students to sleep a half hour later in the morning.

In the same way the teachers would get an outing once or twice a year, sometimes at night, sometimes in the day. As the teachers are on duty for both day and night school, and as the students usually rise at 5:30 and breakfast at 6, these little breaks were windfalls. They sent each one back to his labors with a smile. He knew the value of change and the psychology of cheer. No wonder then that when death closed his eyes both teachers and students went about heavy of limb and with eyes that told too plainly what the heart felt.

Just as he touched the students and teachers with little thoughtful deeds so he touched the town and state, both white and black. One feature of his funeral illustrated how completely had been his triumph over narrow prejudices. He was always talking about that white man up the hollow, back in the woods. How many times have I heard him urge picturesquely upon gatherings of teachers to "win" that old fellow who, when you begin to talk Negro education and Negro schoolhouses, scratches his head, leans to one side, and looks far away. That's the man," he would say, "that you've got to convince that Negro education is not a farce."

Well, that man was at Booker T. Washington's funeral. He came there on foot, on horseback, in buggies, in wagons. He was there in working clothes, in slouched hat, with no collar.

During the service I chanced to stand near the end of the platform. Pretty soon I felt a rough brushing against my elbow. As I turned I saw a small child, poorly clad, being thrust upon the end of the flower-laden platform. Then followed an old white man, collarless, wearing a dingy blue shirt and a coat somewhat tattered. After him came two strapping fellows, apparently his sons. All grouped themselves there and listened eagerly, freely spitting their tobacco juice on the platform steps and on the floor.

How thankful would Dr. Washington have been for their presence. What a triumph! Ten years ago those men would not stop at the school. They cursed it, cursed the whole system and the man at the head of it. But quietly, persistently, he had gone on with that everlasting doctrine that service can win even the meanest heart, that an institution had the right to survive in just so far as it dovetailed its life into the life of all the people. Beautiful to behold, to remember forever; there was no race and no class in the Tuskegee chapel on Wednesday morning, November 17; heart went out to heart that a common friend had gone.

Broken as everybody is over the loss, no one is afraid. No panic as to the future of the school disturbs the breasts of the 190 odd teachers here. In the first place, poor as most of us are, we are ready to suffer many a privation before we see the institution slip back the slightest fraction of an inch. All these years it has been on trial, on record. It has been a test, not of a mere school, but of a race. A tacit pledge—not a word has thus far been spoken—has gone out among us that it shall remain on record, that it shall stand here as a breathing evidence that Negroes can bring things to pass.

Back of this is the unshaken faith in our Board of Trustees. I doubt if another such board exists. It is made up of white men and black men, of men of the North and men of the South. There is not a figurehead among them. Though intensely engaged, they go into the details of the workings of the school, getting close to the inner workings and to the lives of the teachers and students.

Finally, we are confident that the public will have a good deal to say before Tuskegee is let die. The beaten path has been made to her door. Her methods have not only been commended but adopted wholly or in part both in this country and in other lands. Her use is undisputed. She takes students almost literally out of the gutter, puts them on their feet, and sends them out honest, peaceful, useful citizens. This is the ideal for which Dr Washington struggled, and over which his life-cord snapped too soon.

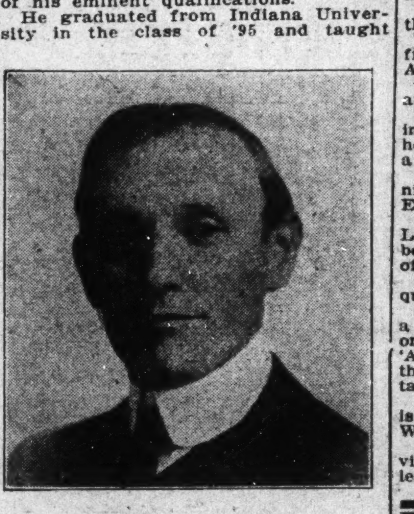
For the same ideal the people at Tuskegee, though broken in spirit, are willing to spend themselves; for they are confident that their cause is just and that the world is with them.

WILL ASK FOR NOMINATION FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Mr. Edgar D. Bush will ask for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor next year. While many throughout the district had hoped that he would again lead the fight as the congressional nominee, he has determined to forego that and respond to the earnest solicitation of friends throughout the state to go before the Republican state convention for lieutenant-governor.

Mr. Bush is a native son of Washington county whom the Republicans of the county will take pleasure in urging for this important office because of his eminent qualifications.

He graduated from Indiana University in the class of '95 and taught school in Madison county. Although an active farmer, and a successful one in Howard township, he has been associated with business interests in Indianapolis.



EDGAR D. BUSH

Mr. Bush is a Republican with democratic ancestors. He believes that the people and the nation can be best served through the policies of the Republican party. His foremost desire is for the success of that party in 1916, even above his own personal interests and ambitions.

However, if the people of Indiana should name him as their candidate for lieutenant-governor they will have no man on the ticket who will add more to the spirit and activity of the campaign than he. He was the party candidate for congress last year, and his energy, vitality and enthusiasm did much to revitalize the party into a good working organization.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

(By Mr. S. J. Paris.)

The K. of P. Lodge at Crawfordsville, No. 57, met last Monday night and installed the officers for the ensuing year. Brother Finnagare, Deputy Grand of Frankfort, Ind., was present. After the installation all the members enjoyed all the delicacies of the season.

Mr. Archie Young is quite ill with the grip.

Mr. Harold Martin has moved from Jefferson street to 409 E. College street.

Mrs. Westly Cason, of Oak street, who has been down with the grip for two or three weeks, is some better.

Mr. Joe Daniels spent a few days in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Emma Taylor has recovered from the grip and is out again.

Mr. William Jordan has just returned from a visit to his grandson, Mr. Chas. Adams, in Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Rufus Humphrey is quite poorly at her home on 802 E. Wabash avenue.

Miss Fanny Smith, who has been visiting in Kentucky, has returned to her home at 208 Spring street, and reports a most excellent time.

The week of prayer began Monday night at the A. M. E. Church, led by Ernest Jackson.

Mr. Wellton Rice, N. G. of the Sciopio Lodge, No. 2053, requests all members to be present next meeting night on business of importance.

Mrs. Robert Thomas, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again.

Rev. Martin, of Indianapolis, preached a rousing sermon Sunday at the Second Baptist Church. The subject was 'Adam and Eve Where Art Thou?" Those that were not present to hear him certainly missed an excellent sermon.

Mrs. Charles Adams, of Danville, Ill., is visiting her sister-in-law at 708 E. Wabash avenue.

Mr. Ernest Eagleson, who has been visiting his parents, has returned to college, in Bloomington, Ind.

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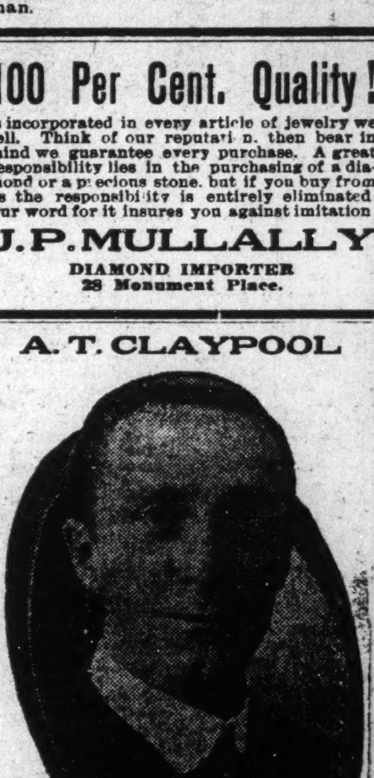

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